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BRITISH MECHANISED FORCES THRUST PAST BARDIA'S DEFENCES



LORD HALIFAX

HALIFAX FOR U.S.A.?

New Ambassador
(By "REUTER'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A name which is now being seriously canvassed in well-informed circles in London as the most likely British ambassador to the United States, is that of Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary.

As a former Viceroy of India and Foreign Secretary for a number of years, he has had wide experience of Government and will also be able to take with him to Washington an extensive knowledge of the whole war situation.

If Lord Halifax accepts this appointment, some Cabinet changes are certain to take place and little surprise will be caused in political circles if Mr Lloyd George joins the War Cabinet in an unadministrative capacity.

Kennedy Not Replaced

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—No one has yet been asked to fill Mr Joseph Kennedy's place as Ambassador to London, President Roosevelt told a press conference to-day.

The President reiterated the opinion that his plan for "leasing and lending" war material to Britain would require Congressional action to make it effective, but that repeal of the Johnson Act would not be necessary.

Cabinet Changes Forecast

LONDON, Dec. 20 (UP).—It is strongly rumoured here that Lord Halifax will be designated as Ambassador to Washington and that a Cabinet reshuffle will follow.

Mr Anthony Eden, the Secretary of State for War, may replace Lord Halifax as Foreign Minister, and Mr Lloyd George may enter the Cabinet

CAIRO, Dec. 20 (REUTER).—BRITISH MECHANISED FORCES THRUSTING AROUND BARDIA TO-NIGHT ARE REPORTED TO BE THRUSTING INTO THE OUTER PERIMETER OF ITALIAN DEFENCES. THESE DEFENCES EXTEND AROUND THE PORT IN AN ARC APPROXIMATELY 15 MILES LONG. THE BELEAGUERED ITALIAN GARRISON IS CONTINUING TO PUT UP A VERY STUBBORN RESISTANCE IN THE FACE OF ATTACKS OF THE BRITISH AND IMPERIAL TROOPS.

The manner in which supplies have continually reached the most advanced British forces throughout is astonishing. Supply units following the advance include not only well-equipped medical services but even canteen stores.

The air force is unremitting in its support. Its spirit is typified by an order of the day issued by one Air Commodore: "Squadron Leaders will expect every man to do his duty in the righteous cause that we have at heart."

Apart from showering bombs, the R.A.F. have dropped leaflets on Bardia enumerating the number of Italian prisoners captured, mentioning all generals individually and calling on them to surrender. "Do not provoke further loss of life by continuing to resist" is the exhortation contained in the leaflets.

On Wednesday night a British patrol probed Bardia's defences but found some resistance and did not press the attack, leaving Bardia open to the subsequent terrific pouncing by the R.A.F.

No Chance of Relief

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Information received indicates that the Italians are in no mood to relieve Bardia, which is being besieged by the British, for the British air service reports that there is only movement to the west towards Tobruk and no movement at all on the only road which Marshal Graziani can use.

Moreover the movement of our extreme left wing from Siwa seems in progress, for an Australian cavalry squadron had a very successful attack near Jurubub some days ago. From here the road leads to Tobruk.

There is no reason for thinking that the British operations will stop at the capture of Bardia. The British forces are well-placed both geographically and morally to carry the advance forward as far as Tobruk. Thereafter a second battle may be necessary for the capture of Benghazi.

Reconnaissance Reports

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Reconnaissance pilots who have been flying over Libya ever since the beginning of the campaign have given a vivid "bird's eye" picture of the assault on Bardia.

They have seen Italian soldiers plodding down the coastal road towards Tobruk with Italians cars and lorries rushing past them. They have seen Italian staff cars strafed by the R.A.F. and sent careering over.

Members of the special reconnaissance squadron which served as the eyes of the army over enemy territory have made fearless observation flights and accurate photographs from which the British commanders have been minutely informed of the exact disposition of the defences.

The main highway from Bardia to Tobruk has been thoroughly strafed

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BARDIA UNDER SMOKE

Description By
Newsman

"REUTER'S" WITH THE ADVANCED BRITISH FORCES

Somewhere in Libya, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Over Bardia I see a dense pall of smoke hanging seaward, corroboration of the effectiveness of the British Navy's bombardments, the booming broadsides of which have echoed through my camp the whole night. Close by stands an armoured brigade ready to roll into action against Bardia, which the enemy is frantically endeavouring to defend.

Other mechanised units lurk even further beyond, adding a further ingredient to Italian discomfort. I have just reached here from Sollum through a raging gale over the Halfaya Pass, which the Italians made no attempt to blow up as did the British in their withdrawal, and

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Appeal For Ships To Meet Menace Of U-Boats

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 20 (UP).—The Minister of Shipping, Mr Ronald Cross, told the press that he was appealing to America for American-built merchant vessels to meet the German submarine menace.

He said that Britain was unable to maintain her war effort at the present level without the construction of new ships.

Saying that the purchase of old United States ships was nearly exhausted, Mr Cross added: "Perhaps the United States can spare us something of the ships in the existing ordinary service."

Finding Ships For Britain

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—United States Government officials are known to be considering whether 37 Danish and over 100 other foreign ships tied up in American ports can be turned over to Britain.

In addition, an intensive study of the American shipping situation is reported to be progressing in an effort to find more tonnage to lease to Britain.

Former H.K. Officer Sinks Italian Ships

In command of H. M. submarine Rover in Hongkong from 1936 to 1938, Lieut-Commander Haggard has distinguished himself in action against the enemy in the Mediterranean.

Lieut-Commander and Mrs Haggard lived for some time at Royal Court Hotel and have a large circle of friends in the Colony.

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—More successes against Italy have been achieved by the British Navy.

It is officially announced that the submarine Traum (Lieut-Commander H. A. V. Haggard) on the night of December 13-14, attacked an escorted

convoy of heavily laden supply ships off Cape Spartivento. One of the enemy supply ships was sunk and a second possibly was sunk.

On the following night the Truant torpedoed and sank a large Italian tanker off the Calabrian coast. The tanker was deeply laden and was steering south.

Heavy Raids by R.A.F.

Bardia, Derna And Valona Attacked

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, Dec. 20 (UP).—The R.A.F. made heavy raids on Bardia and Derna on the night of December 18-19. The official report said, "Great damage was done at Derna. Military buildings were set afire after violent explosions. Direct hits were registered on the barracks, police headquarters, motor transport parks and garages. When our last plane left the scene, practically the whole camp was ablaze.

Similar raids were carried out on enemy troop concentrations and motor transport to the northwest of Bardia.

"Our fighters continued their offensive patrols in the advance areas. In one engagement between Sollum and Garabi, an squadron of eight fighters shot down five enemy planes. Two other planes broke formation and were hit.

"In southern Albania the ports of Valona and Kriographer were raided.

"At Valona, the military barracks, petrol dumps, motor transport park and buildings were hit.

"An enemy plane attempted a raid on Aden on the night of December 18-19 but there was no damage or casualties.

"A raid on Malta the same night was equally unsuccessful.

"All our aircraft returned from all operations safely.

Port Of Valona Raided

ATHENS, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—R.A.F. aircraft yesterday attacked the Albanian ports of Valona and Kriographer, states an R.A.F. communiqué.

"At Valona military barracks, a petrol dump, a motor transport park

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Formidable British Tanks

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—No known anti-tank gun can penetrate the thick hide of the new 25-ton tank now being used in the British Army.

Britain is pushing ahead fast with the output of tanks and men to man them in a terrific bid to make up the leeway in the type of warfare she originated and Germany developed.

"I have seen and heard plenty of evidence of this during an intensive study of the Royal Armoured Corps organisation and growth," writes "Reuter's" special correspondent with the British Army in training.

An R.A.C. armoured division, possessing the most formidable hitting power in the British Army, self-contained and working at high speed, and the even more weighty Army Tank Brigade, working at a slower pace with the infantry, are expanding very rapidly.

The aim where equipment is concerned is standardisation with more armament and heavier armour than even that possessed by the heavy infantry tanks lost to Germany in France.

NAZI PLANE SHOT DOWN BY NAZI GUN

A gun from the rear turret of a Heinkel plane brought down in Kent, was remounted in a position held by a company of the Somersethire Light Infantry. A few minutes later the Heinkel's gun was the means of bringing to earth a Messerschmitt. This picture shows the Heinkel's gun with the gunner who brought down the M.E.



ITALY SENDS TANKS BY AIR TO ALBANIA, REPORT

Special to the "Telegraph"

ROME, Dec. 20 (UP).—It is reported that an average of 3,000 Italian soldiers have been transported to Albania daily during the past few weeks. Italian planes also carried some new model whippet tanks to the Italian aerodromes just behind the Albanian front lines, and have also used new Italian Kangaroo planes which are capable of carrying fully equipped chaser planes with the wings folded inside.

Athens Satisfied

ATHENS, Dec. 20 (UP).—The official spokesman said "the offensive everywhere is successful." However, there are only meagre details from the front.

Weather Improves

ATHENS, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Aided by a slight improvement in the weather, the Greek Army has been able to move more freely on many parts of the 80-mile long battlefield in Albania.

The Greek advance in some subsections of the front was especially slow yesterday and has opened the way for further progress.

A fine example of the determination of the Greek nation in the war was given in the past 48 hours in certain frontier regions. Owing to heavy snowfalls in the mountainous countryside, some roads were in danger of being blocked, but when the Minister of Public Security gave orders that all healthy women and children in the affected districts should take spades and clear the roads as soon as possible, the work was cheerfully carried out.

LATEST

Japanese Cabinet Reshuffle Likely

TOKYO, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Japanese semi-official reports admit that an important Japanese Government reshuffle is imminent as a sequel to a series of crucial night-long conferences among the nation's leaders.

Prince Konoye had a night-long conference with Ministers representing the former political parties and big business circles.

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INTERNEED ITALIANS CALLED TRAITORS, THREATENED

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—An anti-Fascist demonstration by Italian officers interned in Yugoslavia took place at an internment camp in Slovenia when the Italian Consul-General in Ljubljana visited his compatriots there, according to dispatch from Maribor to the Free French news agency here.

The Italian Consul is reported to have called the Italian soldiers traitors in the presence of their Yugoslav guards and warned them that they could never hope to return home.

"Your threat does not frighten me because I think that you and II Duce will soon not be able to show yourselves in Italy,"

This officer added that a revolutionary situation was developing in Italy.

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EVACUATION REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE

PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting of all those interested in the Evacuation Representation Committee will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday, December 27, at 6 p.m., to receive a statement from the Committee, in connection with the reply to the petition submitted on November 22.

F. C. CLEMO,
Hon. Secretary.

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Caribbean Bases "Nonsense"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (Reuters).—Discussing bases to be leased from Britain in the Caribbean, President Roosevelt said that "an awful lot of nonsense" had been written about the delay in making arrangements. Only in the cases of Trinidad, Berbuda and Mayaguana were decisions being delayed.

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CHRISTMAS PLAY AND MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST ON TUESDAY

Sunday, December 22.—IV Sunday in Advent. Morning Communion at 10 a.m. Matins and Sermon. Preacher: the Vicar. 11 a.m. Christmas Festival Service of Holy Communion in Mandarin. Preacher: the Very Reverend the Dean of Hongkong, the Rev. Canon E. W. Sandbach.

Mondays, December 23.—Full Dress Rehearsal of the Christmas Play, with the music & parts in the church. 7.30 p.m. Christmas Eve. 10.45 p.m. Carols, the Christmas Play and Midnight Eucharist.

Hymns at the Eucharist: Introit 28 "O come, let us sing unto the Lord"; Gradual 24 "Hail the herald angels sing"; Offertory 19 "A great and mighty wonder"; Communion 20 "Behold, we have a great High Priest"; Recessional 21 "Alleluia, Alleluia".

Wednesday, December 24.—7 a.m. and 8 a.m. Holy Communion in English; 10 a.m. Children's Service.

Thursday, December 25.—Christmas Day. 8 a.m. Matins and Sermon. Martyr, Holy Communion. 9.15 a.m. (There will be no meeting of the Guild of Martha and Mary this day, and no choir practice.)

Friday, December 26.—Christmas Day. 8 a.m. Matins and Sermon. Communion. 10.30 a.m. (Instead of 10.15 a.m.) in which our friends from the Union Churches will share.

Services on Sunday, December 22.—Morning Worship 10.30 a.m. Preacher: Rev. E. Moreton. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. J. E. Sandbach.

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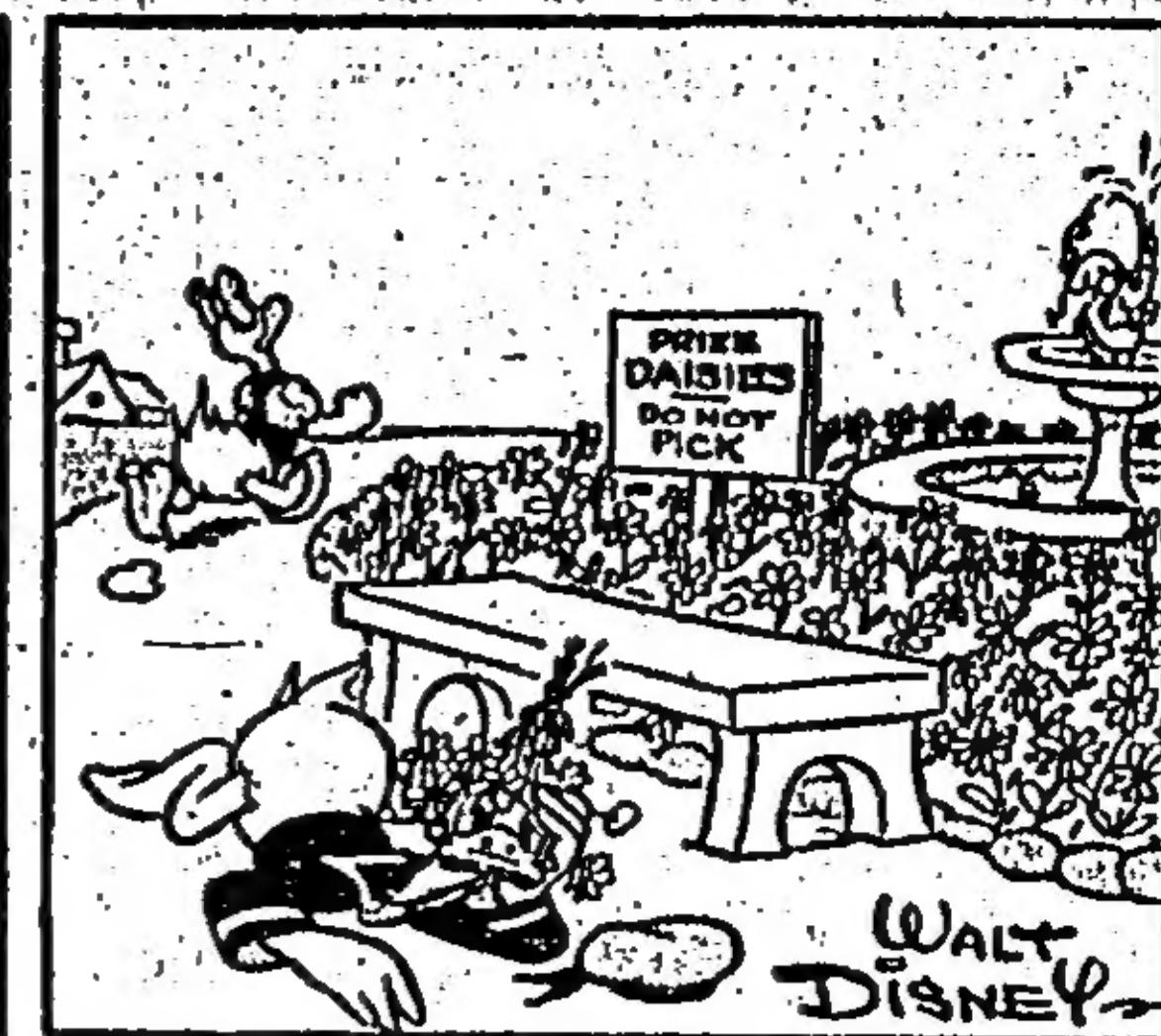
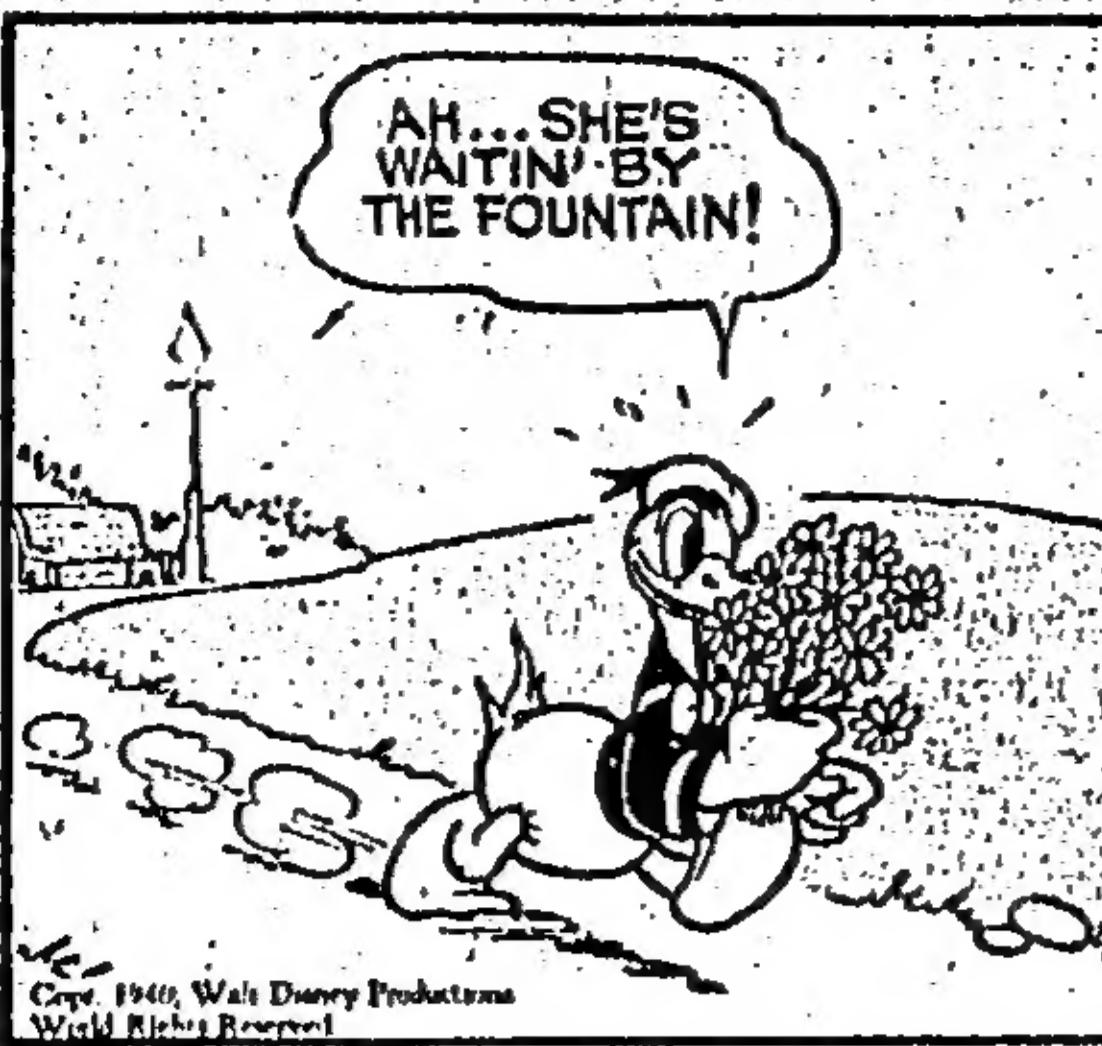
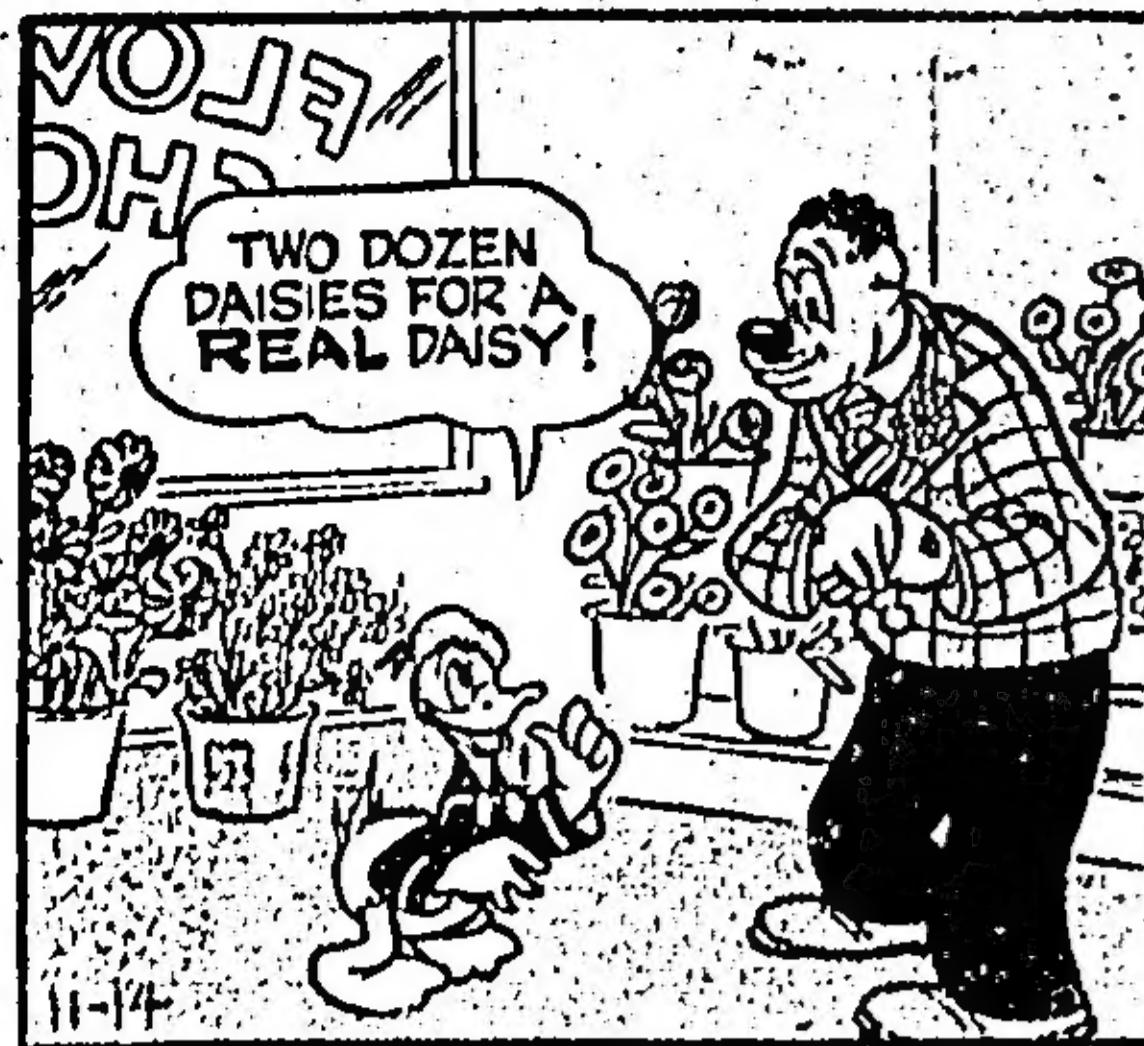
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CURRENT COMMENT... By Scrutineer

The information about the serious losses we suffered to our shipping this week, and the continued threat to our trade routes by surface raiders, submarines, and aeroplanes, is more than balanced by the cheerful news from North Africa and from Greece. When these campaigns are brought to a successful end, our Fleet will be free to pursue other tasks, the chief of which will be the more efficient protection of our merchant ships.

In the meantime, President Roosevelt has reiterated his determination to give Britain every aid short of war. It is this knowledge which provides Britain with the sure hope of victory, and confronts Hitler and Mussolini with a problem they cannot solve, since a long war was never part of their strategy. The Duce joined in the war because he thought it was practically over. American aid is invaluable; without it Britain would certainly find it very difficult to carry on.

The nature of the latest proposal raises the question of supplies above commercial considerations. It recognises the justice of the cause for which we are fighting, and transmutes the material value of it into something very much higher. The planes, guns, tanks and ships come then, to Britain, not merely as efficient and necessary weapons of victory, but they are also consecrated before they leave America to the cause of freedom which they will maintain for the liberal-thinking nations of the world.

It is no exaggeration then, to say that the spirit of America travels across the ocean with them, and this, conjoined with that of the British fighting services, will prove an irresistible power with which to destroy Hitlerism and all its associations.

MR GREW AND MATSUOKA

The American Ambassador, Mr Joseph Grew, at the luncheon given to Admiral Nomura in Tokyo on Thursday, did not seem to be in that mellow conciliatory mood one usually associates with such occasions. The speeches delivered by the Foreign Minister, Mr Matsuoka, and by himself, savoured of that open diplomacy so hotly demanded after the last war.

Matsuoka reaffirmed that his country's policy was based on the

tripartite pact, and that being so, America's future behaviour would have to be carefully watched by Japan. It was difficult to gather whether he was warning or begging the United States to do nothing about the world war. Apparently America was for it if she did intervene, and naturally Mr Grew, like Queen Victoria, was not impressed. He merely reminded Mr Matsuoka that though the American people loved peace above all things, they were also realistic determined to uphold the rights.

The day of the lunch, he said, was the first anniversary of an undertaking given by Japan to open the Yangtze River to trade, but though the promise was that this would be soon, a year had passed and nothing had been done. Facts and actions were more important in the eyes of America for the purpose of preserving peace than all the pious statements that could be made about the blessings of it. In other words, the opening of the Yangtze would be a measure of Japanese sincerity in their desire for peaceful relations.

Japan's capacity for deceiving herself with regard to her much advertised desire for building up a new order in Asia is only equalled by her inability to hypnotise America into adopting the same mood. Japanese words, the American Ambassador implied, seem to have little or no relation to facts and to her actions in China.

COLLAPSE OF ITALY

It is growing more and more apparent that the collapse of the Italian position in Africa and in Greece is merely a question of time. The folly of Mussolini's policy is due to an under-estimation of the strength of the forces arrayed against him, and to an over-estimation of his own.

For Italy, the position is certainly very serious, since she started this war at the height of her naval and military power, whereas Britain, apart from her fleet, had not gathered all her strength. If Mussolini could not secure an early victory in these circumstances, it is unreasonable to suppose that he will do so in the future. The Fascists, led by the Duce in June this year, when France was on the verge of surrender, jubilantly entered the war and were ringing their bells at the prospect of an easy victory; to-day they are wringing their hands because of the imminence of defeat. Yet it is certain that the Italian people have never had their heart in this war, which has been artificially stirred up by the Black Shirts. The British people have no hatred for the Italians; on the contrary they respect them as creators in the realm of art and music and as guardians of the great tradition of Roman and Renaissance culture.

It is the Fascist party under Mussolini that has led them into this terrible predicament. The loss of the Dodecanese, of Somaliland,

Eritrea, Abyssinia, and even of Libya is a heavy price to pay for this mad policy, but it seems inevitable. A heavier price may be the occupation of Italy by German troops and the disappearance of the last remnants of freedom, which the Italians have always cherished far more than the Germans.

MUSSOLINI'S POSITION

No dictator ever achieved so much in the field of foreign policy as Mussolini, considering how little he had behind him. Britain's policy of appeasement and conciliation was misinterpreted by the Duce and Gayda, his publicist, as evidence of decadence and weakness, and so the Duce marched from one diplomatic victory to another.

As a dictator he has paid the price of attempting to guide the destinies of a nation, unsupported by the wise counsels of those who were in the best position to give them. Even to a greater extent than in Germany, Mussolini is the state, and the burden is too heavy. Ciano, his Foreign Minister, occupies the position because he is the son-in-law and not because of proved merit. Others are never heard of; only the Duce holds the power. Mussolini might have been considered a great warrior had he never gone to war.

WHAT WILL HITLER DO?

The question everyone is now asking is what will Hitler do. The Balkans are closed to him. His dream of reaching the Mosul oilfields must be abandoned. One foot of the Axis is already in the grave, and the Mediterranean is certainly closed to him and the Duce and only open to Britain.

If anything was required to prove it, it is the fact that the British Fleet bombs Italy's African territories. Just when and where it wishes without any serious interference from the Italian Fleet.

The one thing the British Fleet desires most is contact with the Italian fleet, but the one thing the Italian Fleet wants least is an engagement with the British Fleet, and so it has to be destroyed piecemeal in its harbours—surely a most ignominious and inglorious way of losing naval power.

Hitler can only depend on two things—his air force and his submarines, the menaces from which is

certainly very serious, but they cannot, as his own advisers admit, be decisive in this war.

DOWNFALL OF LAVAL

The downfall of Laval seems to suggest that poetic justice still plays its part in world affairs. By ambition foul the angels, and when they failed Laval could hardly hope to succeed. He, too, wished to be master of France, and apparently was not prepared to wait till the mantle

"TELEGRAPH" SATURDAY FEATURE

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

By John Blunt

When this war is over, and we begin to take stock of the individual and national efforts throughout the Empire, how will Hongkong stand?

So far, the Colony has raised well over two million dollars between the Bomber and British War Organisation Funds, and useful contributions have been made by Government to the common cause.

Listening to the announcements from the B.B.C., Hongkong appears to be doing commendably well, and it is reasonable to assume that the people in the United Kingdom, many of whom have rarely heard of Hongkong, have been encouraged in the belief that this Sino-British outpost is one with the Empire in its determination to make every possible sacrifice to assist in preserving the independence of the British Empire; and, of course, by so doing, safeguarding its own existence and freedom.

Such, I submit, being a reasonable assumption, I again ask, how will Hongkong stand when we scrutinise the part it played?

The Colony's Centenary is near at hand, but, very rightly, the celebrations planned have been cancelled. If, however, happier times had existed, the Chinese community, under the inspiration of their leaders, would have been willing to spend fabulous sums in organising wonderful pageants, regardless of cost. In return, there would have been enormous and pageantry unsurpassed, and the Colony would have added another memorable milestone to its picturesque history.

To-day, when men are fighting and dying for the Empire (which includes Hongkong) joyful celebrations and gaiety would not be seemly. The situation is too grim for light-heartedness. It is because of this that one has the right to expect every Chinese British subject to play his part to the best—to the uttermost of his ability.

I am perfectly sure that Chinese who can claim Hongkong as their country, do appreciate the benefit which they derive under the British Flag. There is no lack of loyalty to their own country. It is merely the fact that Hongkong has prospered them in their various vocations.

It may well be that most of them realise that they are quite safe here, because Britain cannot be beaten. True as we know that to be, it must be remembered that the cost to Britain of maintaining her unbeaten record, is, at the moment, tremendous, so incalculable, that she welcomes, yes, and needs, every ounce of support she can secure.

Shall we discover that the millions contributed to the War Funds came mainly from the pockets of European British—or shall we be proud of the part played by the great majority of the population?

I do not need to be reminded that the majority of the inhabitants are in very lowly circumstances, but I would remind the leaders of the Chinese community that their responsibility is not light.

I have been more than surprised that no organised effort has been made to persuade our wealthy Chinese merchants and residents to back Great Britain in a really practical manner. It is true that a few grateful Chinese individuals and firms have contributed to our War Funds; but on the whole, the response of the majority has simply been non-existent.

There are many thousands of British Chinese subjects in the Colony who enjoy a very satisfactory measure of prosperity. Those engaged in manufacturing a thousand and one articles, receive special consideration throughout the Empire's markets, because they are privileged to avail themselves of the preference accorded to British products. This benefit is offered because they and their trades are recognised as a part of the British Empire.

And yet, I doubt whether five per cent of the Hongkong British War Funds has been subscribed by our Chinese friends.

I am not condemning anyone, but I do feel that the leaders of the Chinese community could do so much if it only occurred to them. Great Britain is forced to spend many millions of pounds every day at this moment, and, vast as her resources are, it is manifestly unfair to allow her to shoulder the whole burden while her subjects in a few isolated ports of the Empire fall to pull their weight. I am fully aware that war taxation has been imposed, but the freely given gift is so encouraging and inspiring.

If Hongkong is worth living in; if it offers sanctuary and opportunity; if it bestows the great privilege of British nationality and all that that significant term stands for, then it is worth recognising in a tangible sense. I say again with the conviction that I am right—that it is up to the leaders of our Chinese community to advise and guide their fellows in this question of supporting Great Britain unstintingly and truly.

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MARTINIQUE PUSHES ISLAND'S DEFENCES

By PETER C. RHODES

United Press Staff Correspondent

FORT DE FRANCE, Martinique, Dec. 19 (UP).—French colonial officials say they are prepared to defend the island of Martinique with all the resources at their command. Preparations have been made, it is asserted, to oppose by force, if necessary, any attempt by British or by the "Free France" forces of General Charles De Gaulle to land on this West Indies Island, which is in a zone now closely patrolled by United States warships.

Many rumours have circulated regarding the arrival of Germans here were strongly denied by colonial officials, who said that no German ships have entered the harbour. I have seen no Germans at Fort De France. Officials charged that the rumours were spread to cause ill feeling between France and the United States.

Immediately after the French-German armistice, the British established an important naval patrol off Fort De France. It was reported that three light cruisers were in the patrol.

The French authorities then ordered a British cruiser which had been stationed in the harbour to leave immediately, and warned the British naval authorities that any attempt at British intervention in Martinique would be resisted with force.

Within a fortnight the British patrol withdrew. Subsequent events, such as the British attack on French naval units at Oran and the battle of Dakar have reinforced the French decision to oppose with force any attempt by British or De Gaulle forces to enter the harbour or land anywhere on the island.

Preliminary Conference

As the United States Fleet increased its patrol activities in the Caribbean, especially after the overnight destroyer trade for bases in the area, occasional American patrols passed Martinique. There was no question, however, of an American blockade being established.

Late in August, Rear Admiral John W. Greenslade of the U.S. Navy arrived here for a preliminary conference on outstanding matters with the French High Commissioner for the Antilles, Admiral Robert. It was reported that parallel discussions took place in Vichy and in Washington between United States and French officials on questions relating to French possessions in the Caribbean.

U.S. Patrol

Conflicting reports regarding the tasks between Petain and Hitler, as well as rumours from other points in the Caribbean, resulted in an American patrol, consisting of a single destroyer, being set up off Fort De France. This patrol began on November 1.

Stocks of clothing and shoes have been depleted, and their lack is beginning to be felt seriously. Flour was not plentiful until the arrival of a steamer from Casablanca a week ago. Native production of fruits and vegetables remains high, however.

The hotels here serve complete four-course dinners; coffee, cigarettes and liquors are plentiful. The vast sugar plantations are busy, and peak activity is expected in the production of sugar and the distillation of rum within a couple of months.

There is no rationing, although medicines, clothes and shoes are scarce.

Food Appears Plentiful

French officials here express great annoyance at what they term "tenacious reports" about affairs in Martinique which have appeared in the American press. They say that Washington is completely informed of all events taking place here and strongly deprecate "alarmist" reports.

Despite reports that a serious food shortage exists here, I was surprised on arrival to find no serious shortage prevailing. This despite the fact that trade between Martinique and France has only begun to be resumed after six months' interruption.

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NOVEL CHRISTMAS PLANS

Entertainment For Holidays

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Evacuation and the difficulty of obtaining professional visiting artists created a new problem for hotel managers this year when arranging their entertainment programmes for Christmas and the New Year.

Manager Paul Chessex of the Gloucester Hotel has solved the conundrum. For the benefit of unaccompanied gentlemen on New Year's Eve there will be Paul Jones and other community dances, and during the evening Mr Ernest Perry, well-known local vocalist will lead community singing. A printed programme has been issued, the songs including both old and new favourites. "Old Folks at Home", "Oh Johnny, Oh Johnny", "There's a Tavern in the Town", "When Irish Eyes are Smiling", "Ma, He's Making Eyes at Me", "My Bonny", "Tipperary" and "Pack up your Troubles" figure in the programme.

A special attraction will be the appearance of the Pipers and Dancers of the Royal Scots Regiment, who have indicated they will be happy to play Scottish Reels upon request.

Additionally a spot waltz, carrying with it prizes, will be arranged. All in all, the Gloucester Hotel promises to be a happy and convivial rendezvous for December 31.

For the Christmastide festivities the Hotel has arranged gala dances on Christmas Eve and Boxing Night, when the ballroom will be festooned and guests will receive carnival novelties.

The Grips

Bookings to date indicate that the Grips, Hongkong Hotel, will be as popular as ever on Christmas Eve, when the festivities extend till three o'clock on Christmas morning. Nick Korlin and his melody-makers will supply the music, and there will be novelty attractions to fill the place usually occupied on such occasions by floor shows.

The Peninsula and the Repulse Bay Hotels are having dinner dances on New Year's Eve, the same as the Hongkong Hotel. There will also be merrymaking at the Peninsula on Christmas Night, and a special luncheon at the Repulse on Christmas Day.

Other Places

Special programmes are also being arranged for the Yuletide at other places of entertainment, including the Metropole, St. Francis and Cecil Hotels and at the Ritz, the Colony's new pleasure resort at North Point. All these affairs, and the holiday plans of various clubs, will help to give Hongkong people excellent opportunity to enjoy themselves at this season.

NEW CHIEF OF AIR EQUIPMENT

Appointment of Air-Commodore Fothering W. Havens as Director-General of Equipment, Air Ministry, and the grant to him of the acting rank of Air Vice-Marshal, were announced recently.

Air-Commodore Havens, who entered the R.F.C. in October 1915, has long been an authority on equipment.

HOOPS, MY DEAR!



ANN RUTHERFORD, one of the rising young players of Hollywood, whom you saw giving a delightfully refreshing delineation of the part of Lydia in "Pride and Prejudice," plays at the beach with a real hoop and stick. She dons a rather masculine play suit.

Britain Uses Bigger
Fire Leaf, Nazis Say

A new, big incendiary leaf was used by the R.A.F. in raids over Germany recently, according to a German broadcast.

The Nazi wireless said that incendiary leaves six times larger than

COUNTRY'S DEBTS

Britain's aggregate liabilities at the end of March totalled £9,083,240,234, compared with £700,154,110 in 1914, states a White Paper issued recently.

usual were dropped by British planes over Cologne.

Two civilians were killed in the raid, declared the announcer.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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6—System of symbolical	13—Shade-tree of
7—Unlocked	14—Plants of aster
10—Smooth to maneuver	15—Family
11—Smooth	16—Folious
12—Fairies	17—Centuries
13—Feeling	18—One who prospers
14—In new way	19—Non-professional
15—Foolish	20—Popular male movie
16—Picture-taking	21—Actor
17—Sharp	22—Pretend
18—Hang out	23—Large bird
19—Border	24—Unit of time
20—Decorated with fine soil	25—Narrow beam of light
21—Projecting part of body	26—Reputation (col.)
22—Deionized is that	27—Sudden
23—woman	28—Chief of janissaries
24—Relating to musical sound	29—Find free shelter
25—Philippine aborigine	30—Parroted
26—Preserving amusement	31—Down
27—Origin of bird	32—Faded
28—Labor organization	33—Eyes

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Chinese Products Fair To Be Opened To-morrow

To-morrow at 3 p.m., His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lt.-Gen. E. F. Norton, will open the fourth annual trade fair of the Hongkong Chinese Manufacturers' Union. The Fair this year is being held on the large tract of open ground opposite the Peninsula Hotel, at the corner of Salisbury and Nathan Roads, and will extend for ten days.

His Excellency's presence to-morrow will serve to give added

encouragement to the organisers, whose efforts to popularise locally manufactured products have met with deserved success, as well as to the exhibitors, many of whom have co-operated wholeheartedly year after year in the scheme.

Representative Show

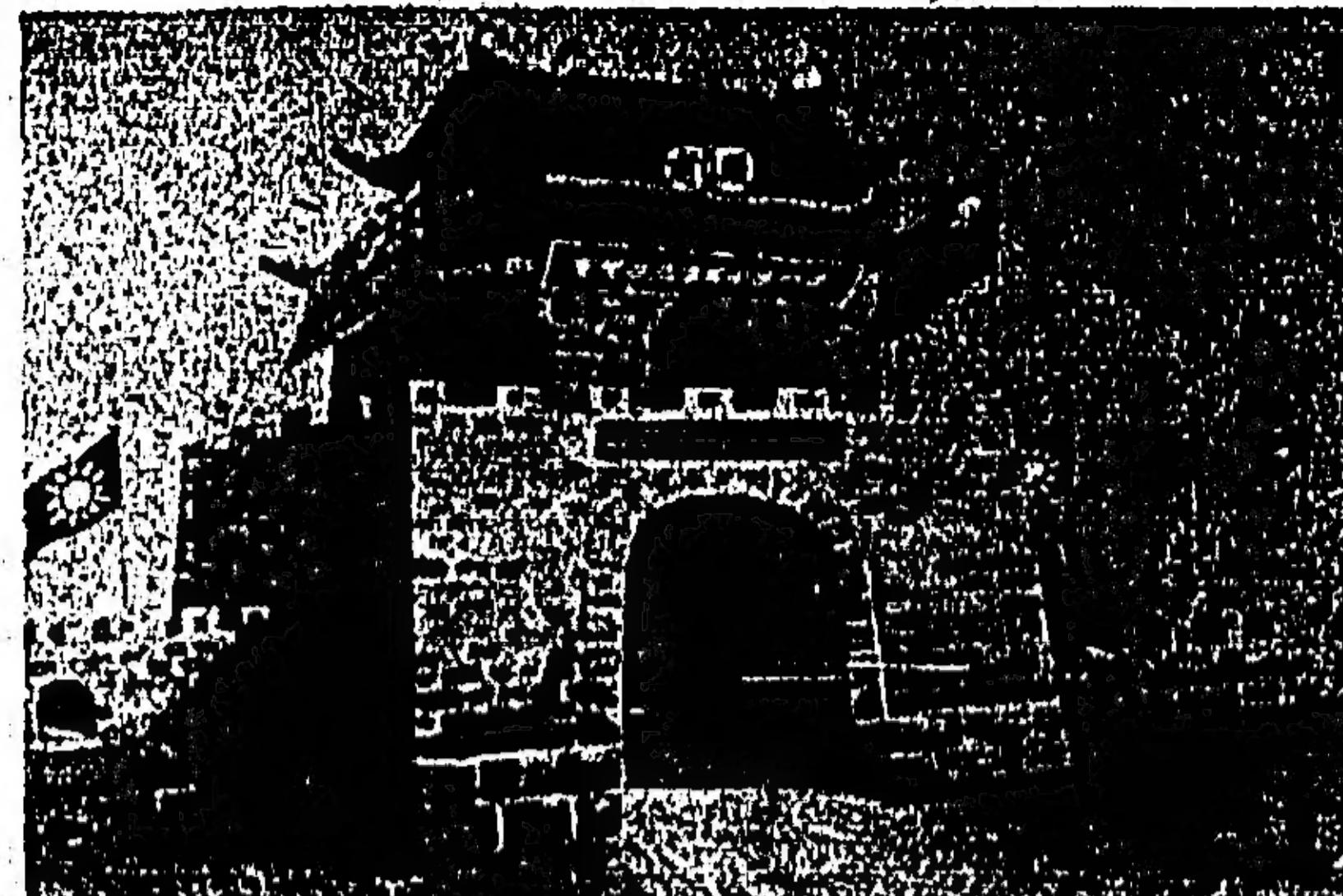
The first Fair of the kind, held in the grounds of St Paul's College four years ago, was a comparatively small affair, and the goods shown were not entirely representative. This year, however, it may be said that every branch of industry in Hongkong is represented. In addition, stalls have

been taken by manufacturers from Macao and Shanghai.

The products on view will include the most trifling articles of daily use, such as matches, safety-pins and toilet requisites, to heavy items of industrial machinery.

Thousands of dollars have been spent in developing the Fair site, which is built in the form of a Chinese walled city, with palaces and other characteristic features. Admission to the Fair is 10 cents per person, and an individual ticket costing 50 cents entitles the holder to admission during the entire ten days.

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Architect's drawing of the entrance to the Fair, as it will look to-morrow.

Ship Losses Since Outbreak Of War Exceed Three Million Tons

By OTTO JANSSEN

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (UP).—World shipping losses have exceeded 3,000,000 gross tons since the European war began in September, 1939, and at least 300,000 tons more have been seriously damaged, according to the latest available statistics of the United States Maritime Commission.

It is certain that losses to date are considerably higher than this, as the Commission's figures extend only to the early part of October. The intensified air, submarine and surface-warship offensive of the Axis powers was not in full progress at that time.

The toll of Empire shipping has been large as a result of the campaign to bring the blockade of Britain to the peak of effectiveness.

The Commission's figures show that from September 3, 1939, to October 5, 1940, a total of 340 British merchantmen of 1,356,223 gross tons have been destroyed. This does not include vessels that have been seriously damaged or listed as missing.

Axis Losses

Germany's losses stand second to Britain's, totalling 60 ships of 382,403 gross tons. Her partner, Italy, has lost 16 vessels, totalling 88,646 gross tons, or a total of over 471,000 tons for the Axis partners.

Norway lost 98 vessels of 265,000 tons, Sweden 65 ships of nearly 142,000 tons, and Finland 24 ships of 50,000 tons. This makes a total for the Scandinavian countries of 633,000 tons.

France's losses are listed as 20 vessels of 140,522 gross tons.

The Low Countries together have lost a total of 60 vessels of 243,000 tons. Of this total, the Netherlands lost 40 vessels of 180,400 tons.

According to this tabulation, Britain and her Allies, including her former ally, France, and new ally, Greece, have lost 2,014,000 gross tons of shipping.

This does not reflect the full seriousness of the situation to Britain, however, inasmuch as many neutral vessels engaged in carrying goods for Britain have been lost.

HITLER'S CHANCES FADING

—Japanese Envoy

The view that Germany's chances of winning the war are rapidly decreasing is understood to have been expressed by the Japanese Minister to Berlin at a recent meeting of Japanese diplomats to European cities.

The diplomats conferred at Zurich and the statement of the representative from Berlin, as recorded in the minutes of the meeting, is understood to declare that serious internal difficulties are to be anticipated in Germany in the coming winter.

There is considerable official apprehension in Berlin about Russia's intentions, according to the Minister, whose predecessor is said to have informed Von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, that Japan would never forgive or forget the act of treachery by Germany in signing a pact with Russia.

The opinion that the United States would soon be an actual belligerent was also expressed at the meeting of diplomats, it is understood.

DENMARK TO KILL LIVESTOCK

Because of the shortage of feeding stuffs 150,000 milk cows, 175,000 heifers, 1,500,000 pigs, and 7,000,000 feathered stock are to be slaughtered in Denmark, says the "Stockholm Aftenbladet."

These figures represent 8, 30, 50 and 50 per cent. of the present numbers respectively.

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U. S. Conscripts Face Knowledge Tests

Conscripts called up for selective service in the United States will get a serious shock, unless the War Department suddenly wakes up, when they take tests to determine the military service for which they are best fitted.

The aptitude examinations, based on the intelligence tests to which school children have been subjected for the last couple of decades, are described as so tough that few can make a respectable score.

CRIME UPSWING IN U.S.

Due To World Conditions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (UP).—

The Citizens' Committee on control of crime reported to-day that crime was on the increase throughout the nation and warned that even greater police vigilance would be necessary to control crime "during the swiftly changing conditions" facing the United States.

Compared to the combined totals of 35 cities throughout the nation of more than 250,000 population, the Committee said "New York's murder rate was half that of the others, its robbery rate one-fourth, its assault rate four-fifths, its burglary rate one-sixth, its larceny rate two-fifths, and its larceny of automobiles rate seven-tenths.

"Only in manslaughter by negligence was New York's rate higher than that of the other cities," the report said.

Noting unsettled conditions throughout the world, the Committee asserted that "it has been the experience of the past that in such times as those which are approaching there comes an increase in crime.

One In 53 Arrested

"There is an inclination often to accept this as inevitable, but the need is urgent to guard against this and to gear official machinery to higher speed and greater efficiency."

The report covered the year ended June 30, 1940. As presented by Harry F. Guggenheim, president of the Committee, the findings also revealed that during this period one New Yorker in every 53 was arrested—excluding all traffic violations and disobedience of city ordinances.

The findings also noted that the city now has a "standard of capacity and integrity among its prosecuting officers beyond that of any one time in the past."

"Boys are pre-eminently the thieves of New York City," the report continued. "Of the persons charged with robbery, 20 per cent. were under 21, and 58 per cent. were under 25."

White-Collar Thefts

The committee also found "an unusual sequence of white-collar thefts by persons who are not unemployed, who do not live in poverty but in comfortable, even luxurious homes, who are of superior intelligence, people who contradict almost every one of the standard theories of the causes of crime."

KEPT QUIET ABOUT 800 SOVEREIGNS

Hyman Liss, thirty-two, a wholesale chemist, of Connaught-gardens, Muswell Hill, N. W., did not reveal to the Government that he held 800 sovereigns, worth £1,000, and a Bow-street Police Court he was fined £1,000, and ordered to pay fifty guineas costs.

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CLOSE RACE FOR SENIOR HONOURS

South China And Sing Tao Only One Point Ahead Of Eastern

Test For Police To-Day

(By "SCRAMBLER")

THE RACE for the Senior Championship is going on neck and neck between the three Chinese teams, and as all three teams won last week, the standing is still the same with Eastern trailing one point behind both South China and Sing Tao.

South China and Eastern are both showing Championship form, but the same cannot be said of the Sing Tao. Their last minute win last week against St. Joseph's was not representative, for had the Josephians been a bit more enterprising, they would at least have shared the points.

The Saints' defence more than stood up to the test once again, and with the return of Maher in the intermediate line, this department was very much strengthened. D. Leonard and Hussain played a very staunch game at back but of the forwards only Man Chik-kei and Macdonald did anything of note, the former was in one of his opportunistic moods.

Sing Tao had three new men in their team, and although playing for the first time together, they should give the team just that bit more impetus to shake off their present lethargy.

The Saints' are playing the Royal Scots to-day at Happy Valley, and a good game should be seen. If they can repeat their form of last week, the Josephians should be able to take away at least one point. Their forward line should also learn to part with the ball at the right moment as they will be up against a defence that will tickle first time, and their robust method may upset them.

Eastern Should Win

EASTERN by their display last week proved that they are a force to be reckoned with. Facing a deficit of one goal at the interval they came back with three good goals to humble the Guardians of the Law. The play

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WEEK-END & HOLIDAY FOOTBALL FIXTURES

THE FOLLOWING are the League and Charity football fixtures for the week-end and the holidays:

To-day

FIRST DIVISION

Eastern v. Middlesex (Caroline Hill), 4 p.m.
St. Joseph's v. R. Scots (St. Jos.), 4 p.m.
Kwong Wah v. Kowloon (Boundary St.), 4 p.m.
Hongkong F. C. v. Navy (Club), 4 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION

R.A.C. v. Sing Tao (Military), 2.30 p.m.
Navy v. Kowloon (St. Jos.), 2.30 p.m.
S. China v. Middlesex (Caroline Hill), 2.30 p.m.
Kwong Wah v. R. Scots (Boundary St.), 2.30 p.m.
Hongkong F. C. v. R.A.S.C. (Club), 2.30 p.m.

THIRD DIVISION

R.A.S.C. v. Air Force (Chatram Rd.), 4 p.m.
35th R.A. v. International (Sookunpoo), 2.30 p.m.
7th R.A. v. 12th R.A. (Military), 4 p.m.
R. Engineers v. 20th R.A. (Sookunpoo), 4 p.m.

To-morrow

CHARITY GAMES

Combined Chinese "A" v. Rest "A" (Causeway Bay), 4 p.m.
Combined Chinese "B" v. Rest "B" (Causeway Bay), 2.30 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION

Kit Chee v. 30th R.A. (Caroline Hill), 2.30 p.m.
Police v. R. Engineers (Boundary St.), 4 p.m.

THIRD DIVISION

24th R.A. v. R.A.M.C. (Sookunpoo), 2.30 p.m.
R.A.S.C. v. Shell (Sookunpoo), 4 p.m.
A.S.A. v. 30th R.A. (Boundary St.), 2.30 p.m.

Xmas Day

INT'L CUP SEMI-FINAL
China v. Scotland (Boundary St.), 3.30 p.m.

Boxing Day

INT'L CUP SEMI-FINAL
England v. Portugal (Kowloon), 3.30 p.m.

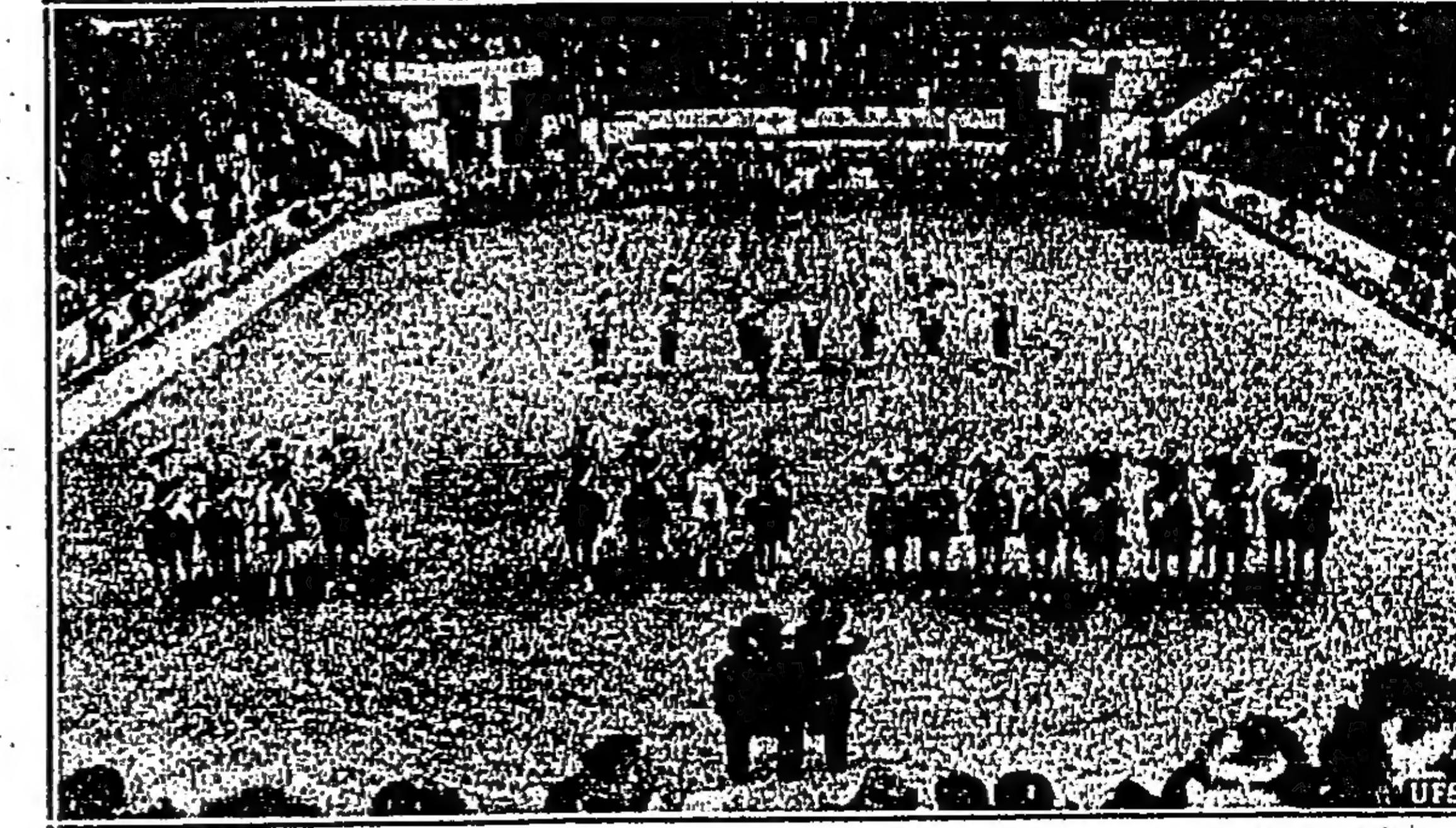
New Year's Day

CHARITY MATCH
Rest v. Climb. Chinese (Sookunpoo), 3.45 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW



THE WINNER . . . Major Eduardo Yenez, of the Chilean military jumping team, posed with his mount, Toqui, after winning the \$1,000 International Military Stakes. He beat two U. S. Army men.



TAKING THE SALUTE—Society in top hats and swanky furs turned out in mass for annual National Horse Show in New York. Here's view as Lieut. General Hugh A. Drum, foreground, takes salute of jumping teams of Mexico, Cuba, Chile and U. S. Army.

Charity Soccer Matches To-Morrow

(By "SCRAMBLER")

TWO GOOD SHOWS for the price of one, will be seen to-morrow at Navy Ground, Causeway Bay, when two senior All Chinese teams will be pitted against two rest of the Senior League, the proceeds of which are for three worthy charities.

In all four well balanced teams will be seen in action, and the second match beginning at 4 p.m. has all the earmark of a grand tussle, as this Chinese team will be representing China in the "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup.

The following are the line up: 2.30 p.m.: Rest: Reynolds; Roughley (Capt.), Fraser; Maxwell, Parnaby, North; Owens, Feltham, Fox, O'Regan, Bickford, Reserves: Britt, Cook, Barcher, Fowler.

Chinese: Lau, Hin, Hon (Eastern), Hau Yung Sang (Sing Tao), Lee Kam Hung (S.C.), Kwok Ying Kit (Sing Tao), Lam Tak Po (S.C.), Lo Wai Kuen (Eastern), Tung Kwing San (Sing Tao), Chow Man Chik (S.C.), V. K. Hyul (Eastern), Cheuk, Shek Kam (Kwong Wah), Wong King Cheong (Kwong Wah). Reserves: Scott (Club), Gow (Club), Pte Noysmith (R. Scots), Cpl Marshall (R. Scots) and Pte Munro (R. Scots).

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Golf Club Captain Urges Co-operation

Satisfactory Year Reported

An appeal to members to make more use of the Complaints and Suggestions Books so as to assist the Committee in the management of the Club was made by Mr R. Young, out-going Captain, at the annual meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club yesterday.

Mr Young said the courses had been adequately maintained and were in good shape, although alterations had been confined to the very minimum. The caddies had been on the whole satisfactory but the general standard of service would undoubtedly be improved if members would only be sympathetic and took the trouble of reporting the inefficiencies and the bad.

Due to the evacuation and other causes, there had been an increase in expenditure in certain directions and a reduction in income.

A. K. Mackenzie was elected Captain for the year.

In the course of his review on the activities of the club during the past year, Mr Young said:

Since the report was submitted we have learned with regret of the deaths of six other members—C. H. P. May, A. C. Hynes, R. E. Lindell, G. Murray, A. B. Stewart and R. E. H. Oliver, and I am sure you will all be sorry to note, among those who have passed on since our last meeting, the names of so many friends and good sportsmen. After more than a year of war, the thought that must be uppermost in our minds is our good fortune here in Hongkong in having been able to preserve the amenities, and continue all the facilities of the Club, almost without interruption. It is fitting, therefore, in this connection, that together with our dependence on each other, we should also bear in mind those subscribers, of whom it is more difficult to keep track, who have gone from our midst, and already lost their lives in the war.

MORE CO-OPERATION URGED

Talking of taking the trouble to make brief reports reminds me of another direction in which I think your Committee might have more co-operation from members generally. The point I have in mind is, that remarkably little use is made of the Complaints and Suggestions Books in the Club Houses. These are now on the table at all the meetings of your Committee, but very few members take advantage of them as a means of making their wants known. Occasionally, quite useful suggestions emanate from the source, but I would like to emphasize that a member who makes use of the Complaints and Suggestions Book is not making a nuisance of himself, but is actually assisting in the management of the Club, and all such assistance is very welcome.

We have been able to continue to offer to our service Subscribers practically all the privileges on all courses, and this has been greatly appreciated. As a war-time measure, we have lessened our charges on for the time being, and we continue to benefit by his services, after the long period of nearly 17 years devoted to the best interests of the Club. (Applause).

Our Superintendent, Mr Hitchins, should have been off for a well-earned leave now, but it proved impossible because of the war, yet our Committee tried to arrange a local leave for him. This fell through also, and to date the only respite Mr Hitchins has had was the week he has just completed as a Superintendent with the Engineers Company of the Volunteers. Mrs Hitchins, who shares with her husband the responsibility for our creature comforts, has been evacuated in July under the quasi compulsory Government scheme with which you are familiar. It is very greatly to Mr Hitchins' credit that, in his wife's absence, he has taken personal charge of all departments at Fanling and is running them in a pleasant and cheerful manner to the apparent satisfaction of members.

ALTERATIONS TO COURSES

Alterations to the courses have been confined to the very minimum, and by the linking of new drains and catchments to cope with the extraordinary rainfall, very little has been done. In the matter of our Club House at Fanling, the necessary repairs have been carried out as required, and I think most members are satisfied that it is enough to try to maintain existing standards of comfort. We hope that the number of players at week ends will be maintained, and the results in over-crowding on Sunday days particularly, but that is, after all, a very small inconvenience in war time. Last year, Mr Lissaman informed you that the New Club House had been indefinitely postponed and the position has not changed except that the liability we carried then to preliminary architects, fees etc. has now been met, and we are well set to open up the scheme again when the time comes.

Caddies, the whole, have been satisfactory, and while we cannot hope to eliminate faulty conduct entirely, the general standard of caddie service

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Table Tennis

Hongkong Girls Beat Macao 6-1

Men's Matches To-night
MACAO women's table tennis inter-club team were severely beaten by Hongkong in the match held at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. last night. The local team emerged victorious by 6 matches to one.

Table tennis, generally, was interesting though the Macao players were definitely the inferior. Perhaps the most interesting of the evening's games was that between Yeung Wal-bun (Hongkong champion) and Cheng Ching-hin (Macao champion), and though this resulted in a 2-0 win for the local girl, standard was remarkably high.

Complete scores were:

Wong Ol-lan (H.K.) beat Law Sin 2-0.

Mok Woon-king (H.K.) lost to Ho

Si-fan 1-2.

So Im-hing (H.K.) beat Cheuk

Yeul-nan 2-0.

Yeung Wal-bun (H.K.) beat Cheng

Ching-hin 2-0.

Lo Chiu-yl (H.K.) beat Li Ying-

ngor 2-0.

Chu Kui-san (H.K.) beat Lau

Tung-fai 2-0.

Leung Chiu-kit (H.K.) beat Tsui

Sau-mi 2-0.

To-Night's Programme

THE MEN'S MATCHES will take place to-night in the same court at the same time. It is anticipated that having gauged each other in the first matches that were held recently at the Kowloon Cricket Club, play will be closer, and standard higher.

A victory for either side should be by a narrow margin.

The teams will be:

Hongkong Macao

Li Chun-hung Young Kam-chun
Leung Cheuk-fai Cheng Kwoh-wink
Lo Kval-sung Wu Kam-hing
Li Chi-chiu Koon Wing-po
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Lui Slik-cheung Wong Wing-on
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Luk Lur-wu.

Account shows that in face of all the adverse circumstances with which we have had to contend, we have tried to break even on the year's working to some \$650. This, you may think, is not a very satisfactory result with an accountable Captain and an astute Finance Sub-Committee actively on the job, but I would ask you not to judge us too severely. There is no time to maintain, with some merit, than it is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all, and though \$1,000 to the War Fund can hardly be regarded as an abandoned loving, it is at least an effective gesture on behalf of the cause which is paramount at the moment. We have made it, and least. We have also made another gesture which has cost us a packet! That is our attempt to refute the oft-repeated statement that we are profiteering on what has been known as "the repainted half racket". This year our profit on repainted has been reduced from 240 per cent. to 23%. Do you want any clearer proof that we have done our best?

Mr Young concluded by thanking the General Committee and all the sub-committees for their hard work they had been in during the past year. Mrs Mackintosh and the officials of the Ladies Section, as well as those who presented prizes for the War Fund competitions.

NEW CAPTAIN ELECTED

After the report and accounts had been adopted, Mr Young proposed the election of Mr A. K. Mackenzie as Captain.

The following were elected to the Committee:—Messrs. D. H. Blake, A. D. Humphreys, F. D. Hunter, J. A. D. Morrison, H. H. Mundy, F. A. Redmond, D. Sommerville, G. C. Worrall, R. Young.

Mr Young announced that the new Captain would play himself in on December 29, when His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton will also pay his first visit to the Club.

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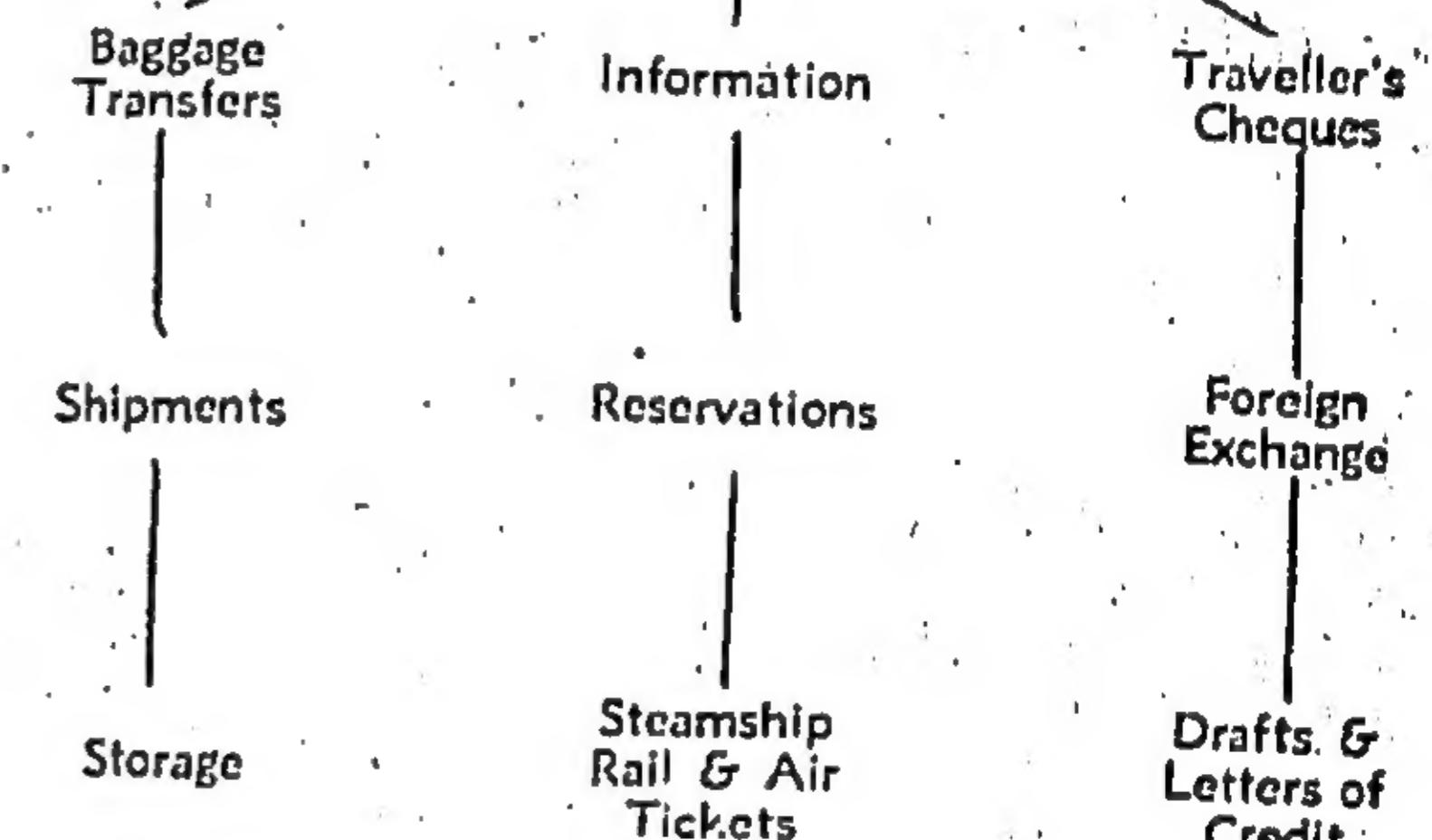
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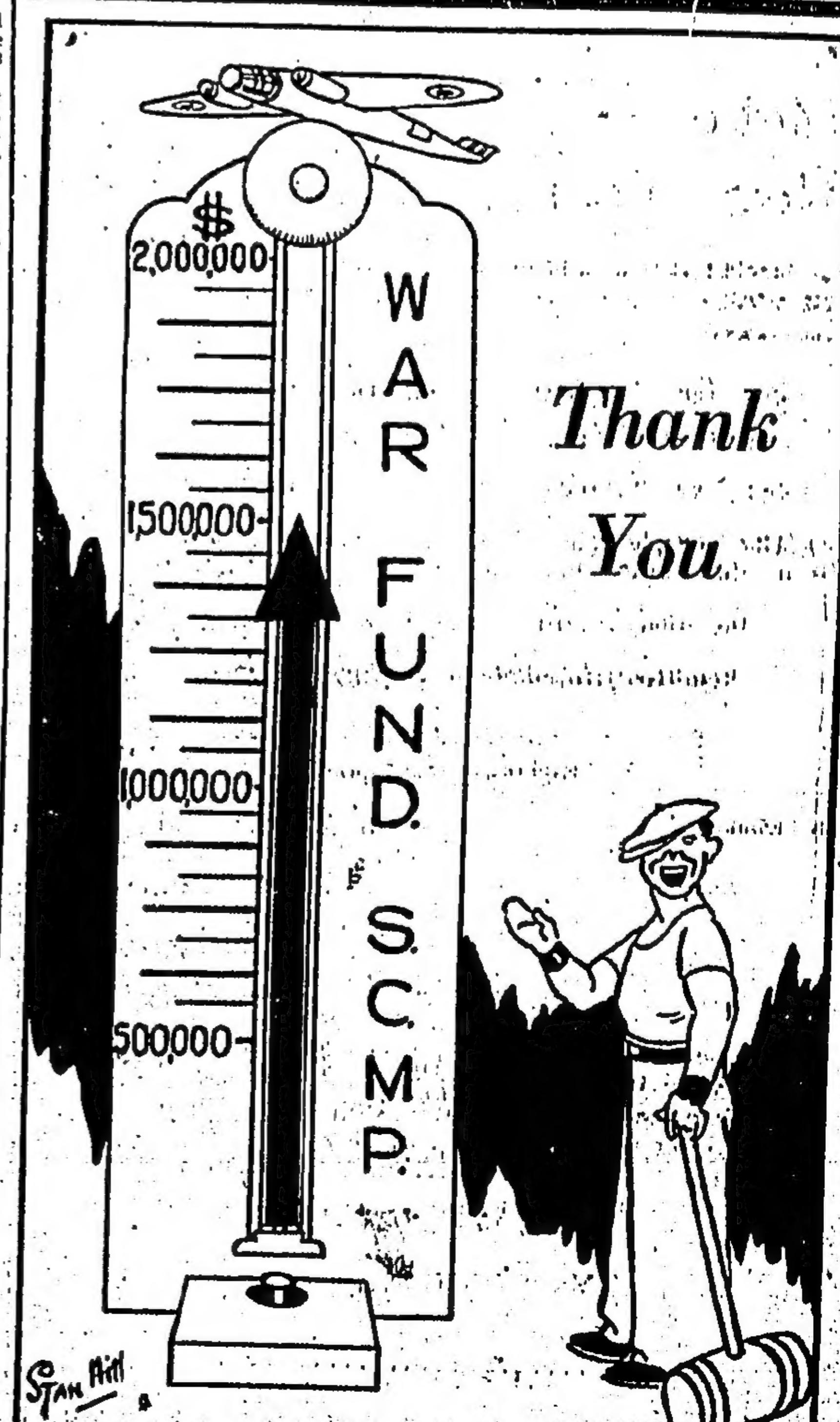
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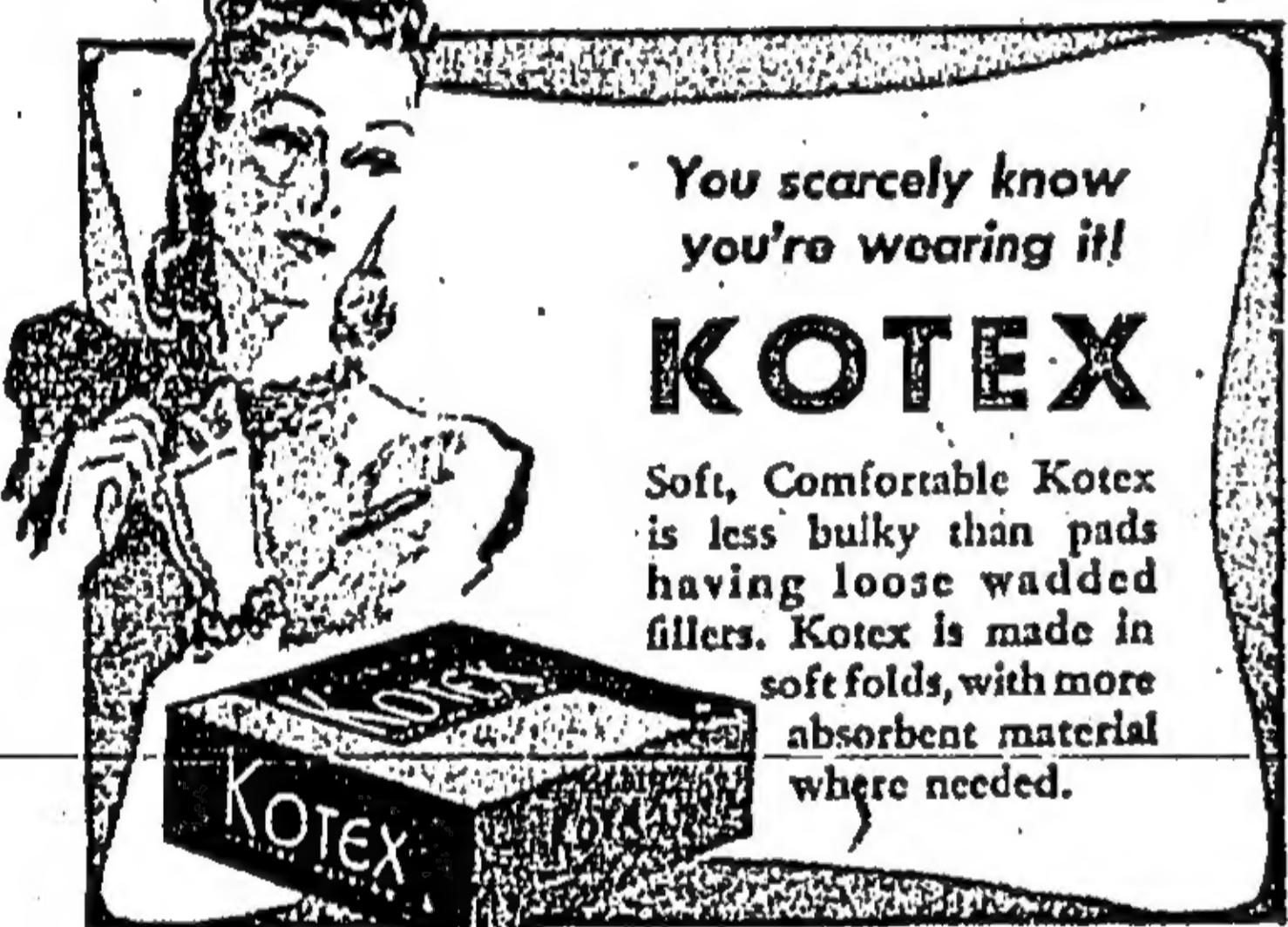
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Masterio—Tango.	do.	
Que De Lo Que Tienes La Bajiana?		
Tin Pan Alley Medley—No. 24.		
By The Water of Minnetonka.	Morton—Kanye, on two pianos, String Bass and Drum.	
Bird Songs at Eventide.	Rossborough, Piano	F1702
Paris Honeymoon—Selection.	R. Cleaver, Organ	F1192
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Let Us Get On With It!

THE receipt this week of the Home Government's reply to the Hongkong husbands' petition concerning evacuation has brought this vexed subject once again before the public eye. Rejection of the petition comes as no surprise; the evacuated wives and families have the satisfaction of knowing that their husbands did what was expected of them, and did it in a decent, reasonable manner. The petitioners are bound to feel disappointed, but it is to be hoped that this disappointment will not give place to more violent reactions, recriminations and mud-slinging will avail their cause nothing, and will in fact, be entirely uncalled for. The husbands presented their petition to the highest authority and they must abide by that decision, even if it is contrary to their fondest hopes. In short, they must be prepared to take their medicine.

There appears to be resentment at the tone of Lord Lloyd's reply; one enraged husband described it as an insult; careful reading of the telegram does not justify such severe language. The last paragraph of the reply is, perhaps, gratuitous, or at least it suggests that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has misunderstood the motivating force behind the petition. It is not quite fair broadly to hint that the petition was sent because the husbands of Hongkong are squealers and incapable of making sacrifices; the most critical opponents of the petition, knowing the true facts, would not support this suggestion. The sacrifice had already been made; it was the injustice of the position created by a partially reversed policy which called for the action taken by the husbands. Lord Lloyd's confidence that the British people in Hongkong will not lag behind those at home or any other part of the Empire in accepting sacrifices during these critical times will certainly not be misplaced.

The reason for refusing the petition cannot in honesty be called into dispute. The lesser problems must give way to the greater interests; it is a sound principle and one readily understood and appreciated. If the Secretary of State for the Colonies believes that a reversal of the evacuation policy at this stage would mean a disservice to the Empire's war cause, then it is clearly the duty of Hongkong to accept his verdict willingly and cheerfully. Let posterity decide the merits of the decision; Hongkong has a part to play in helping to win this war. Let us get on with it.

SAMOAN AIR BASE

New American Plan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HONOLULU, Dec. 20 (UP).—

It was officially learned today that the United States navy plans to construct an air base in American Samoa, and it is believed that the site will be Rose Island, about 200 miles east of Tutuila.

The possibility of developing a Samoan air station, both commercial and for military use, has been widely discussed ever since the crash of the Samoan Clipper near Tutuila on June 11, 1938.

Both the Pan American Airways and the Navy Department have surveyed the island which the Hepburn Board in 1938 recommended as a location for an air base.

It is reported that a party, including Supervising architect, engineer and field men in addition to advance equipment have already been sent to open the work.

No comment has been made by naval officials.

Two Steamers Torpedoed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (UP).—The Mackay Radio reports that the British steamer Carlton was torpedoed at 7.50 a.m. to-day by a submarine 300 miles west off the Irish coast.

Messages were also intercepted indicating that two ships were under attack by submarines about 200 miles west of Donegal Bay.

The first distress call was at 7.50 a.m. E.S.T. from the steamer Carlton, and 40 minutes later the steamer Varangberg reported that she was being attacked. The latter vessel is of 2,942 tons.

More Donations To War Fund

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

A total of \$1,504,522.21 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

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Mr and Mrs Gordon Campbell (second donation) 60
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Naval Control Service Office 70.30
Shrapnel Dr. 100
Mr and Mrs D. J. Jones (in lieu of Christmas Cards) 30
Mr G. G. Aitkenhead (second donation) 50

Tennis Players Aid

A second American Tennis Tournament in aid of the South China Morning Post War Fund was held at the Ladies' Recreation Club on Sunday, December 15. The entire proceeds, \$1,182, are available for contribution to the Fund, as there are no expenses to be deducted, owing to the generosity of Messrs. John T. Hutchison & Co. (Slazenger tennis balls), Messrs. Dunlop Rubber Co. (Dunlop tennis balls), Messrs. Gilman & Co. (drinks), Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. (drinks), Messrs. British American Tobacco Co. (cigarettes), Mr. Stan Hill (cartoon), and of various members who presented tiffin and

Following the tournament, of which Miss Lambert Baker and Capt. Hyde were the winners, and Miss J. Armstrong and Mr. T. A. Pearce and Mrs. J. J. Ferguson and Mr. J. E. Richardson the runners-up, an auction of unused drinks and various articles contributed by members realised a substantial sum. Details of the day's takings were:

Entrance Fees, \$160; raffle for

scraps, \$100; contents of shrapnel box, \$27; sweep on finals, \$18; sale of drinks, \$41.00; donations, \$172.80; auction, \$592.50.

Demand notices for property tax are now being issued in respect of property in Tai Po and Yuen Long urban areas, states the "Government Gazette."

The tax is payable at the District Office, North, Tai Po, and at the Land Office, Ping Shan, not later than February 28.

Any owner who has not received a demand notice in respect of property in these areas should enquire at the above-mentioned offices where also claims for refunds can be made.

Property Tax Now Due

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**New York Feels
Earthquake**

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NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (UP).—A three-minute earthquake at 2.27 a.m. to-day jarred a wide area in New England, New York, New Jersey and Quebec. There were no casualties and no particular damage was reported.

**Kenya Foray
Revenged**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, Dec. 20 (Reuters).—Patrolling activities in the Gubuloi-Kansai area continues.

A party of East African troops over-

took the Italians who raided a village, Bora, in the northern frontier district of Kenya. Two Italians were killed, and seven camels and equipment were captured without loss to the British.

**SMIGLY-RYDZ
ESCAPES**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, Dec. 20 (UP).—Marshal Smigly-Rydz of the Polish Army, has escaped from an internment camp. No details have been released.

FRENCH-GERMAN RELATIONS

Weygand Vichy's Trump Card

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuters).—Meetings of the French Cabinet are believed to be due to a new phase in Franco-German relations caused by the dismissal of Laval and Abetz's visit to Vichy.

Reports from Vichy strengthen the impression that Marshal Petain and Flandin are willing to envisage closer economic relations with Germany than Abetz's bethest.

BARDIA UNDER SMOKE

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have arrived at the Western Desert's strategic escarpment.

I came on the frontier country with only a thin film of British advanced troops between me and Bardia, when I left, was lying disconsolately smashed up.

Under Point Blank Fire

The escarpment juts across literally to the sea, and British troops pushing forward from Bugibba, swarmed across the completely exposed plain without any cover, and under point blank range of the artillery from the Italian barracks perched on the cliff top.

Taking the Halfaya Pass, the British forces scrambled on a tableland and chased towards the frontier the retreating Italians who were speeding back to Libya abandoning colossal quantities of war material and stores in their flight.

That remains of Bardia—crumpling shells of buildings cracked incessantly by torments of bombs and shells, and now under siege by mechanised units backed up by the weight of the infantry.

Twelve Italian bombers and a score of fighters, this afternoon, from a height of 500 feet attacked British troops in positions nearby, inflicting neither damage nor casualties with their ground strafing and machine-gunning.

20,000 Italians In Reserve

Westward from Bardia and deeper into Libya, Graziani is reported to be holding in readiness about 200,000 soldiers despite the enormity of his losses in prisoners and casualties resulting from the initial impact of the offensive.

The astonishing velocity of Britain's Middle-East military tornado is realised by the fact that it has taken

me precisely as long in a fast Ford utility van to cross the recently Italian occupied part of Egypt as it did the British Imperial Forces always a day ahead—battering through enemy opposition the whole way over the very worst patches of boulder-strewn desert I have ever seen, and under the most difficult weather conditions.

BRITISH FORCES

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by the R.A.F. and Italian men and vehicles have had to make precarious use of the small coastal road.

R.A.F. bombers over Bardia during the past two nights have not encountered anti-aircraft fire which previously was very heavy and apparently the anti-aircraft guns which were transported from Sollum to Bardia have now been removed.

Attack Increases

The attack on Bardia has been increasing with steady velocity and, entering on the third day, it has assumed the nature of a siege.

The Italian garrison, who are well-supplied, are endeavouring to hold on to the bitter end.

There is no information whether

Graziani is trying to rush reinforcements along the coastal road from Tobruk, but a military spokesman told "Reuters" that any attempt made by an enemy column to push up this road will be met with a very fierce fire from the British forces, who are cutting off approach along the coast.

Heavy Raids By RAF

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and buildings north of the town were hit and when the British aircraft left, columns of smoke were rising in the vicinity of the barracks and the petrol dump.

Direct hits were scored in the Krieneri area, where buildings were set on fire.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1940.

There Is a Santa Claus

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WE take pleasure in answering at once the communication below.

"Dear Editor,—I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?"—Virginia O'Hanlon."

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a sceptical age. They do not believe except what they see.

They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.

In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect—an ant in his intellect as compared with the

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boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy.

Alas, how dreary the world would be if there were no Santa Claus.

It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight.

Eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus! You

THIS is the most famous article on Santa Claus ever written. It first appeared in the "New York Sun" in 1897, and has been reprinted in that paper every Xmas since. It is the reply of the Editor to a little reader of eight.

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might as well not believe in fairies!

You might get your papa to hire men to watch all chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down what would that prove?

Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus.

Most of the real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that is no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that there are unseen or unseeable in the world.

You tear apart a baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but

there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, and romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real?

Ah, Virginia. In all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God he lives, and he lives for ever. A thousand years from now, Virginia—nay, ten times ten thousand years from now—he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

IF EVER THERE WAS A NEED FOR FAITH, now is the time. Much of the world is torn by war. Men in whose hearts there is evil have gained power. Those who toil, in fields and factories; women in the home; little children visited in their innocence with disaster—none have escaped suffering in those lands where greed holds sway. Perhaps the time has come for the testing of spiritual values. Perhaps only those who truly believe, and are willing to fight for their faith in the good, the generous, the kindly way of life will ultimately survive. Let Christmas, then, be the symbol of renewed faith. Christmas, that most Holy Day, when a little Child was born, touched with God's own hand in blessing, that He might grow

to Manhood a Man among men, a Leader in the way of life that is righteous, and gives to every man his just share of this world's goods.

REMEMBERING HIS WORD, we can feel certain that the evil will perish, drowned in that very misery they have brought down upon their fellow men. The evil shall be swept from the earth, and the good shall arise from their suffering, to see the dawn of a happier day. He was once a tiny child,

like the millions of little children still secure and spared the horror and pain which millions of others have felt. In His name, let us make this Christmas our time to pledge ourselves to the continued safety of our boys and girls—for they are the men and women of the future; who will carry on the spirit of democracy, which gives to all people the right to live the good life, the free life—without the tormenting kind of "right" and "wrong" conceived by dictators who allow no faith among their people—but demand blind following.

HE WAS A JUST LEADER, men and women in all walks of life followed Him because He preached man's inherent right to a happy life. On Christmas Day—the anniversary of His birth—let us reaffirm our faith in His word.

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THE CHRISTMAS STORE

MY QUEER ADVENTURE

By George Robey

I HAVE not had much experience of ghosts, but there is one remarkable episode I shall not easily forget.

I had gone to spend Christmas in the country, and was staying at a very old house which a friend of mine had owned for many years. We had a merry time on Christmas Day, and at half-past two, drowsy with good food, we were all sprawling round the great open hearth, telling ghost stories. Naturally, the one connected with this particular house was given precedence. The youngest daughter of the house told the tale of the house told the tale.

It appeared that some generations ago the whole place, with its surrounding land, had been inherited by two brothers who simply could not get on together. Friction occurred hourly, and not a day passed without a fierce quarrel.

The Toss of a Coin

One Christmas Eve found them quarrelling again. It was then that Richard suggested, half jokingly, that they should toss a coin to decide which of them should remain in possession of the farm, and which go abroad. John examined the suggestion carefully. They went into details. And finally they tossed. John won.

Twenty years later the ghost of Richard, the brother who had lost, began to haunt the house. Villagers and servants about the place were reported to have seen the apparition on two occasions recently, and both times the ghost had been juggling with pennies. Apparently, it frequented a very old outhouse nearby.

At this juncture in her story, the daughter of the house was interrupted by her elder sister, who very determinedly announced that she had never seen the wretched ghost, anyway. The rest of the family laughingly agreed. No one, apart from an impressionable maidservant and some gossiping villagers, had actually seen the ghost, and it was quite evident that the family pooh-poohed the whole story. Anyway, it quickly faded from our conversation.

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I felt very drowsy that night began poking about among the and fell asleep almost immediately my head touched the dully in the light from my lamp. I strained my hand to it and brought it out. It was a very old, dusty penny, with a mildewed effigy of the young Queen Victoria. I turned it over. On the other side was another head of Queen Victoria exactly the same as the first. A double-headed penny!

A Startling Awakening

It must have been nearly four in the morning when I suddenly started up in bed. And, immediately, I knew that I had not awakened normally. Now I don't consider myself easily moved by so-called supernatural happenings, but just for a minute a chill shiver ran down my spine, and I felt strangely uneasy. Still sitting there I peered round the room. Not a movement; not a sound. Reassured, I slipped from the bed and made towards the window.

It was snowing. Softly, sadly, the flakes fell. Already the ground was covered and the trees and bushes heavily laden. I stood there for a moment fascinated by the leisurely beauty of that falling snow. And then suddenly I stiffened.

A Ghost?

Out there by the old outhouse something had started up from the snow. It was as though a wave of white came up suddenly. Was I dreaming, or was it moving forward? I pressed my and climbed back to bed. Tomorrow, I would tell them what had happened, and produce the penny to prove what I said.

Lost

I returned to my room, put the penny on my dressing-table, and then was it Richard's ghost I had seen coming to the out-house, in search of this penny? Or had it been merely a trick of the snow on the bushes, and was my finding the penny at the same time, merely a coincidence? Again, had the penny any connection whatever with the two brothers?

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A Strange Silence

I approached the outhouse cautiously. Now I was at the door. I slid my head round and suddenly closed my teeth with a snap. In the instant that my head first appeared round the corner, I had the feeling that something had vanished from the outhouse. I waited a few seconds and then called, "Who's there?" My voice echoed

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It must have been half-past six when I awoke again. Once more I felt it was not quite a normal awakening. I had heard something. A peculiar series of sounds—and yet I was not definitely certain that I had heard anything. I turned over and slept.

Now, if I had believed in ghosts, I would have said that

I struck a match. An oil lamp stood on a nearby trestle.

I lit it and began exploring.

There was no sign of life. Somehow, that seemed rather

improbable. In fact, the whole

old cartwheel where I thought

that something or some one had

been. It was a very old wheel

with a pile of broken timber be-

hind it.

However, I have merely set

down here exactly what hap-

pened on that queer Christmas,

Exerting all my strength I and leave it without further

managed to move the wheel and comment.

"TELEGRAPH" SATURDAY FEATURE

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CHRISTMAS

Between the Nativities and the Charles Dickens cycle the English stage, ruling out pantomime, has been barren of real Christmas plays. Father Andrew's Nativity play, "The Hope of the World," and Dickens' Christmas story, "The Cricket On The Hearth" may be taken as examples of the two epochs.

The Church was the cradle of drama, and the first plays were liturgical, dealing mainly with Old Testament history and the legends of the Saints, and mysteries with gospel events only. Whether the latter were evolved from Christmas or Eastern observances is a debatable point, and it is difficult to assign any dates to the earlier English ones. The first Passion play in France, the history of Jesus Christ from the Nativity to the Crucifixion, was given in dumb show in the year 1613. The Suppression in the Monasteries practically dealt them a death blow, though the Coventry plays were given as late as 1680.

The Coventry "Nativity Play, of the Company of Shearmen and Tailors," may be taken as a typical mystery, "a startlingly realistic treatment joined to an emotional lyricism of the simplest charm," according to Ernest Rhys.

Particularly noticeable for this are the pastoral scenes and the Adoration of the Shepherds, with their simple gifts—one his pipe, the second his hat, and the third his mitten.

In the secular drama, the first Christmas play of which we have any record is "Christmas Comes But Once a Year," in which Webster, Dekker, Heywood and Chettle all had a hand. It was acted in 1602, but never printed.

On Twelfth Night, old Christmas Day, 1616, Ben Jonson presented at Court his "Christmas, his Masque," which might be called the forerunner of the introduction of many a Christmas pantomime of the present day. It opens with the entrance of Christmas, "attired in round barren spectators," and its fate

CHRISTMAS in the ENGLISH DRAMA

hose, long stockings, a close was summed up in the "Bloody doublet, a high-crowned hat, graphic Dramatica" as follows: with a brooch, a long thin beard, "Reprobated in the newspapers a truncheon, little ruffs, white (it) was at last hooted and laid shoes, his scarves, and garters aside."

Introducing himself as Gregory Christmas, he calls in his ten children: Misrule, Carol, Minc'd-Pie, Gambol, Post and Pair, New Year's Gift, Mumming, Wassail, Offering and Baby-Cake, who dance on led a string by Cupid. By their evolutions they illustrate a ballad sung by him, beginning:

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Albert Smith, at the request of Dickens, for Mr and Mrs Keoloy, who were then generally acknowledged to be the greatest and best impersonators of his characters.

They gave delightful and well-admired performances of Caleb Plummer and Dot. So great was the success that before the end of January, 1846, versions were played at most of the London theatres.

A burlesque on these adaptations by E. L. Blanchard, entitled "The Cricket on Our Own Hearth," was produced at the Olympic Theatre on January 15, 1846, which the adapter himself admitted was a failure.

From this date until Charles Dickens wrote his "Christmas Carol" in 1843—first produced on the stage of the Surrey Theatre on February 5, 1844—there is not a Yuletide drama worth recording. If Dickens did not, as has jealously been said, invent Christmas, he "undoubtedly," writes Edwin Pugh, "did a great deal to revive the vogue of those humane and kindly sentiments with which that York—yet both gave memorable season is still fondly associated."

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the ragged girl whom Theodore Watts-Dunton heard say in Gaiety Theatre as "The Christmas Carol" was "dead?" Then will he have Caleb Plummer in his repertoire when he became his own manager, and in addition he appeared in versions of all Dickens' five important Christmas tales—Bob Cratchit, sonnet, "Dickens returns on Trotty Veek, Ben Britain and Christmas Day."

"A Christmas Carol" was followed by "The Chimes" (1844), "The Cricket on the Hearth" (1845), "The Battle of Life" (1846) and "The Haunted Man" (1848). Their production on the stage quickly followed publication, but "The Cricket on the Hearth" was actually played at the Lyceum Theatre on the evening of the morning the book was published, December 20, 1845.

—A.C.G.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS OF THE WAR

A Look Through the Files

December 20th 1939 Captain Langsdorff of the "Graf Spee" was this morning found dead at Buenos Aires: he had shot himself. His friends say that he was stricken with grief for the sinking of his ship. He carried out his instructions from Hitler, but when it was done he had no wish to live. Responsibility for his death lies at the door of the Nazi dictator.

Since the loss of the "Graf Spee," the Germans have been attacking defenceless fishing craft in the North Sea. Already, this week 35 vessels have been attacked, only three of them naval units. In one case, they not only machine-gunned a trawler's crew but attacked them again when they were getting away in a small boat, and yet again when another trawler was picking them up.

German propaganda is also sinking to still lower depths of infamy. The official News Agency in Berlin yesterday printed an alleged telegram from Montevideo which said that British sailors spat on the coffins of the dead seamen of the "Graf Spee," made cat-calls during the funeral, and threw a dead dog on the graves immediately after. These are, of course, lies. The truth is that British seamen placed a wreath on the graves and paid many tribute to the memory of brave seamen.

December 21st The Finns are fighting valiantly and are skillfully led. In the north the Russian advance on Kemijarvi and the railway from Sweden has been repelled and the Russians driven back more than 20 miles. On the Karelian Isthmus persistent Russian attacks in strong force have been held. Air raids on Finnish towns have been resumed; Helsinki was bombed twice to-day.

Since the war began, 870,000 tons of goods intended for Germany have been detained by the Allied Control Board. Germany's loss, however, is much greater than that

with the Navy, is our sure shield of defence."

After being hard-pressed by the Russians on the Karelian Isthmus

for more than a fortnight, the Finnish forces on the Mannerheim Line are strong enough to take the initiative, and they counter-attacked to-day with great effect. The Russians made many thrusts north of Lake Ladoga, but all failed.

In the north the frost and snow are too much for the Soviet forces, who are retreating with all possible speed.

It looks as if the Finns have got a respite which may enable aid to reach them in time for effective use. M. Daladier said in the French Chamber to-day: "We have done our duty to Finland in no half-hearted manner, and we shall continue to do it."

Air activity is now continuous in the North Sea. British patrols are reported to have bombed German warships. Enemy attempts to penetrate British coastal defences have all failed.

December 23rd A report via New York says that the entire German fleet has left Hamburg, that part of it headed for the Baltic and the other part for the North Sea.

December 24th This was the quietest Sunday for many weeks—no important war news from any quarter.

December 25th Much the most interesting event to-day was the King's broadcast to the people of the Empire. It is our love of peace, he said, that has given them a unity unknown in any previous war.

"We feel in our hearts that we are fighting against wickedness, and this conviction will give us strength from day to day to persevere until victory is finally assured."

He spoke of the Navy—"all the men of our Empire who go down to the sea in ships"—and of the Royal Air Force, "which in co-operation

with the Navy, is our sure shield of defence."

The King had greetings also for the British Expeditionary Force, which is waiting for action.

The Royal message was heard well in all parts of the Empire and in many foreign countries.

December 26th Undismayed by frequent air raids (even on Christmas Day) the Finns are defending their homeland with a courage and a military skill that are admired everywhere.

Most important is the stubborn stand on the Karelian Isthmus where, during several weeks, the of God."



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PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT
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CHARITY BAZAAR—A sale of work done by the refugee girls of the South China Industrial Centre was held recently at St John's Cathedral Hall under the auspices of the Hongkong Chinese Women's Club. The group at left shows Club officers:—Mrs Anne Tang Chuo, Miss Wan Wai-fong, Mrs H. Ching, Miss May Ung (back), Mrs Violet Chan, Mrs Y. K. Chow, Miss Lucy Liang, Mrs M. K. Lo, Mrs Li Shu-fan, Mrs Kwok Lam-shoung, Mrs Chan Fung-chau, Miss Chang Man-yea and Mrs. Pauline Yee. Below, Miss Butterfly Wu, the famous screen star, snapped at the Bazaar. (Photos: Ming Yuen and Now China Newsphotos).



CABARET DANCE—Nellie Field and Landon Burch, as they will appear in their novelty dance number at the Central British Association's cabaret dance to-night.

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PRIZE DAY—His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieutenant-General E. F. Norton, arriving at King's College, where he presented prizes last week. With His Excellency are Mr H. C. Wallington, the Principal; and (behind) Mr C. G. Sollis, Director of Education, and Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith, A.D.C. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

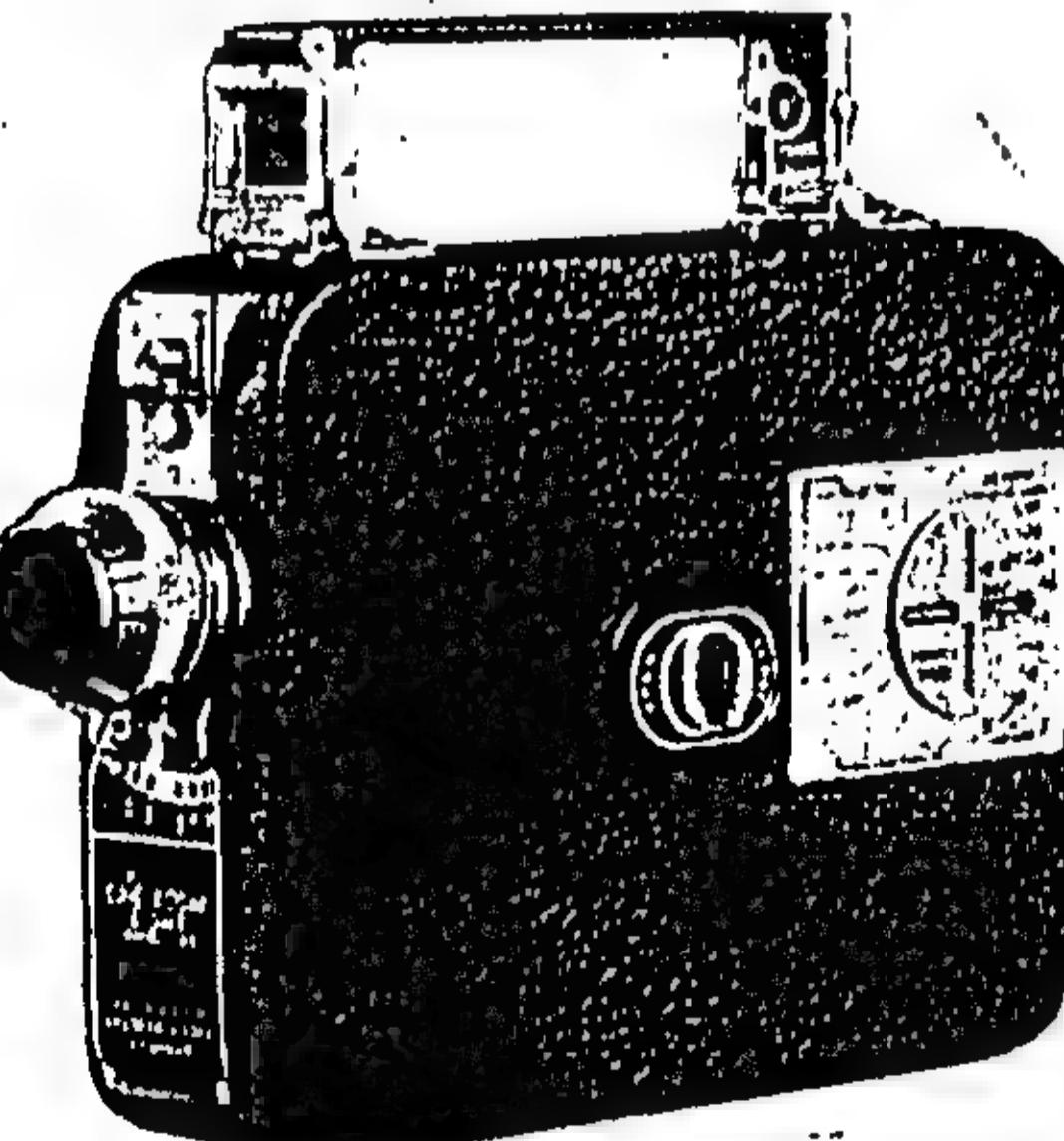


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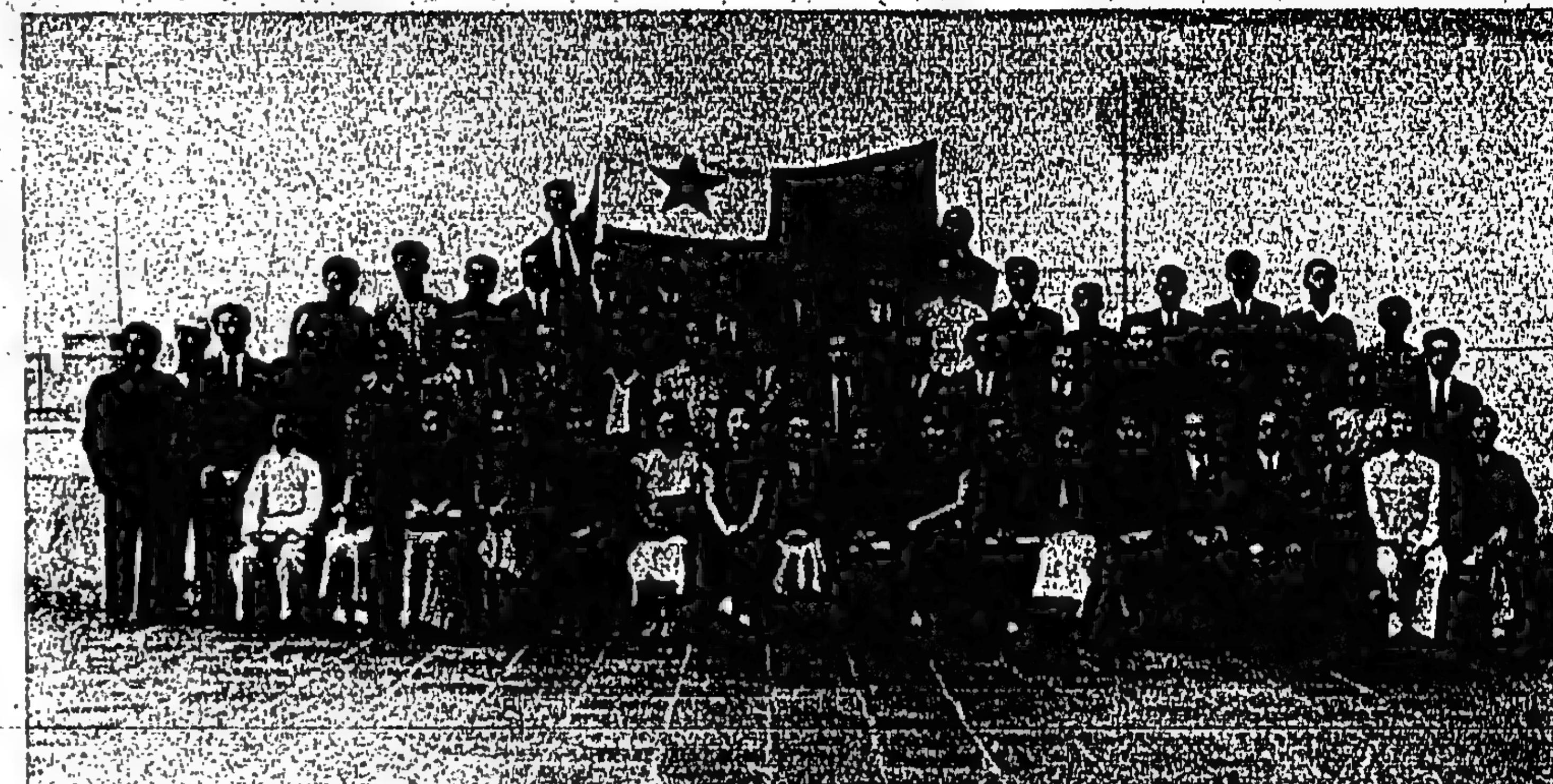
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COMMERCE STUDENTS—The staff and students of the Institute of Business Administration are seen in the photograph above. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

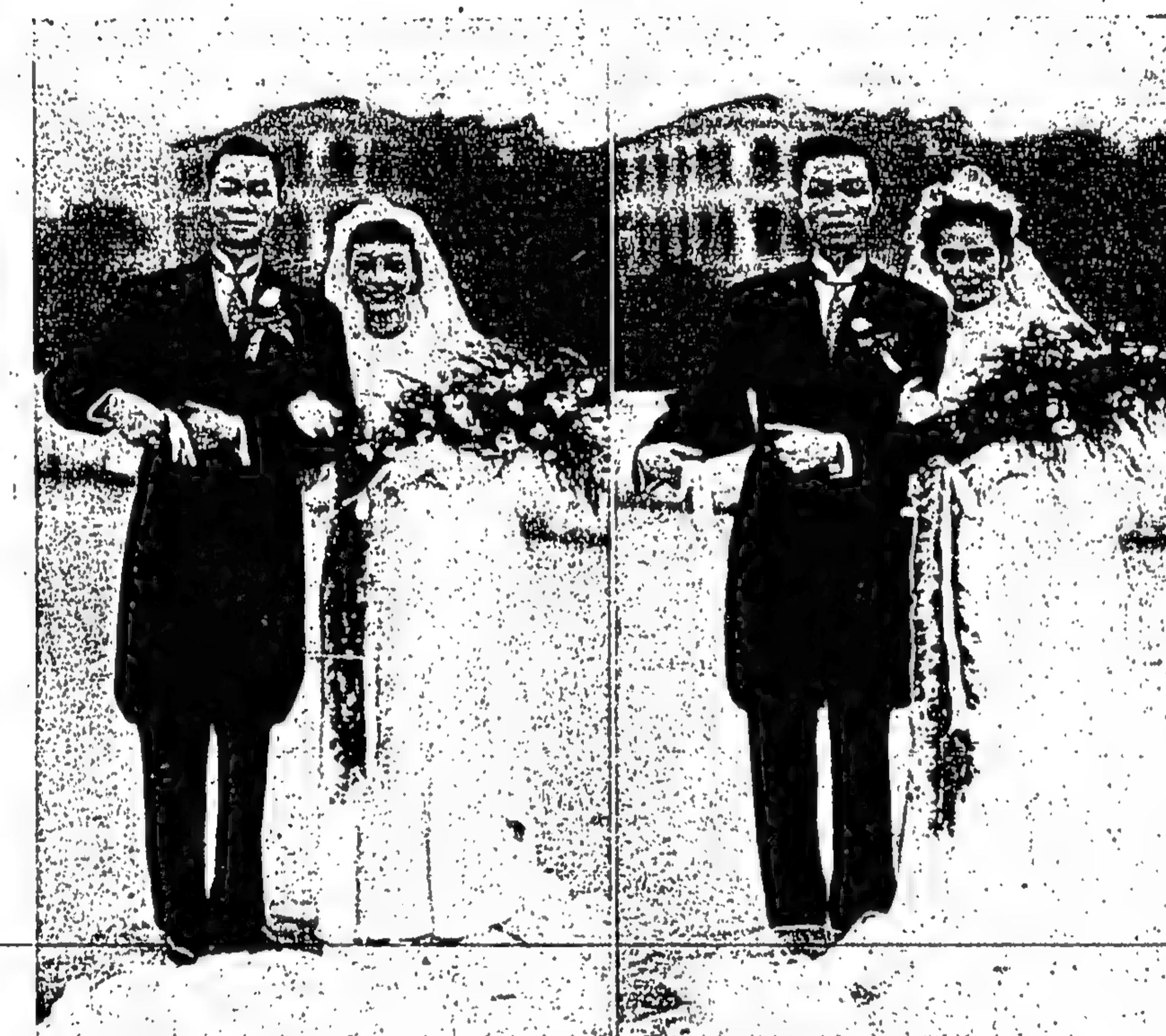


MECHANISED SECTIONS of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps participating in the annual training camp. Pictures on the left show a unit of the mobile machine-gun column and a Bren gun carrier. (Photos: Ming Yuen).



ESPERANTO ENTHUSIASTS—The anniversary of the birth of Dr L. L. Zamenhof, inventor of Esperanto, the international language, was celebrated recently by the Hongkong Esperanto Association, whose members are seen above. (Photo: Wah Kiu).

BCNNY LASS—Recent photo of Zarina Hussain, the fifteen months old daughter of Mr K. Hussain, Honorary Secretary of the Hongkong Hockey Umpires' Association.



DOUBLE WEDDING—Two brothers, Mr Wong Man-han and Mr Wong Man-piu, were recently married at the Ying King Hotel. They are seen above with their respective brides, formerly Miss Ng Shou-chong and Miss Chang Yin-nor. (Photos: Ming Yuen).



Would you clean your teeth with PUMICE?

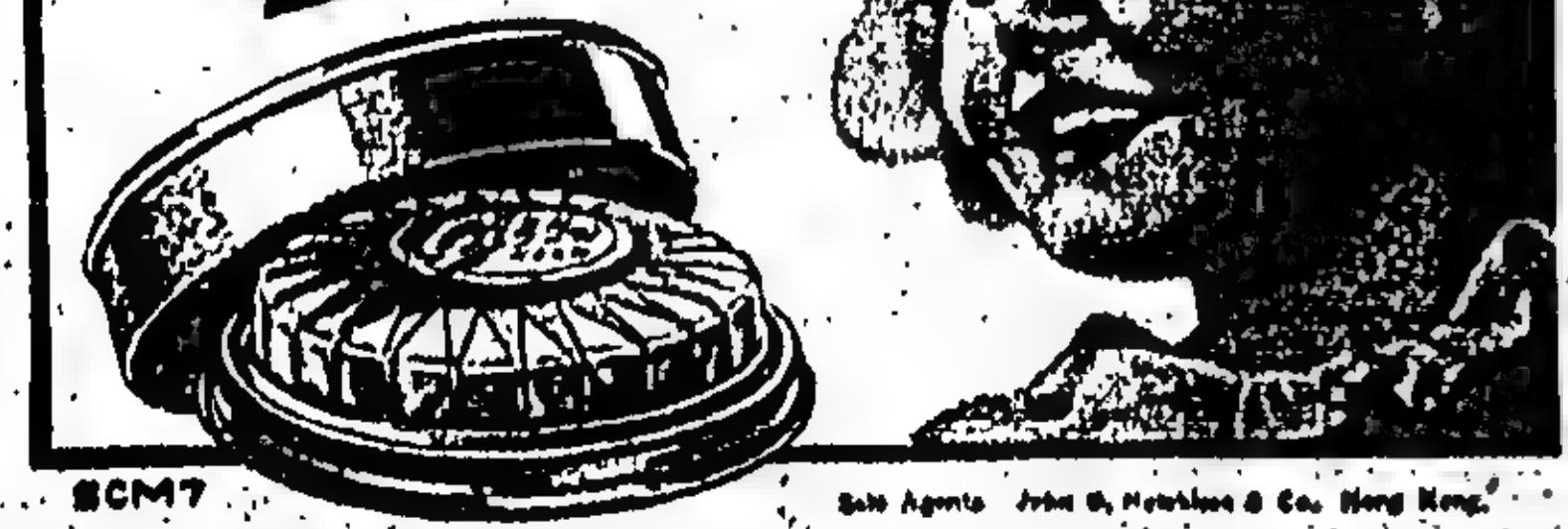
You wouldn't dream of cleaning your teeth with pumice stone, because you know its gritty particles would soon destroy the fine enamel. Yet you may even now be using a harsh tooth-cleaner which is just as destructive.

HARSH TOOTH-CLEANERS HAVE THE SAME EFFECT AS PUMICE—they scratch the teeth, roughen them till there is no shine left. Don't let this happen to you! Keep your teeth bright and shining with Gibbs.

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ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH was the scene of the recent wedding of Mr. J. S. K. Loong, B.Sc. (England) and Miss Ho May-watt, who are photographed above with relatives and friends. (Photo: A. Fong).

HIGHLY-STRUNG SENSITIVE CHILDREN

usually go furthest in life



But there are DANGERS that have to be watched during childhood

PARENTS should be happy if their children are the highly-strung, sensitive type, because it is usually these children who go furthest in life.

But the danger with these children is that because they are highly-strung they may live too intensely. They may burn themselves out like lamps with too bright a flame.

Fortunately you can tell very quickly when this is beginning to happen. The child will go off his food, be finicky at meals. If he gets puffy under the eyes, sometimes he will want, if he'll tire easily, get fretful or listless. Every parent should be able to recognise these symptoms and what they mean.

They mean that the child is using up energy too rapidly, that he is exhausting it. And it is at night, during sleep, that these stores of

energy should be replaced. If they are not replaced, if the nervous strain on the child gets worse and worse, he's suffering from Night Starvation.

At the first sign of any of these symptoms you should act and act quickly. Give your child Horlicks—a hot cupful every night—at bedtime. Horlicks will guard him against Night Starvation by replacing his nervous energy during sleep.

Almost at once your child's appetite will improve. He'll begin to lose his pallor and tiredness and be a happy, sturdy youngster. Safe from the terrible danger of nervous exhaustion, he'll grow up strong and healthy, able to make the utmost of his special gifts and capabilities.

Start your child on Horlicks to-night. Horlicks is obtainable at all good stores.

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR ARE HERE AGAIN—AND SINCE IN THIS TRADITIONAL SEASON OF JOY we are fortunate enough to be spared the sufferings which war has brought to many parts of the world, and can look forward to an enjoyable holiday, let us turn to the cinema, which forms the backbone of our entertainment in Hongkong, and see what there is in store for us.

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A VERY APPROPRIATE AND SEASONABLE RELEASE is the showing of "THE BLUE BIRD," Shirley Temple's new picture, which opens at the King's Theatre on Christmas Day. This is an excellent adaptation of the famous play by Maurice Maeterlinck, which has delighted both young and old for nearly half a century. Except for the short introduction, which is done in sepia, the film is in beautiful technicolour and presents many spectacular and memorable scenes.

The story is a symbolical fantasy, and the lesson is that the quest of happiness is always vain to those who cannot find it in their own souls. Mytyl (Shirley Temple), a dissatisfied young girl, envious of other people's riches and ungrateful for what she has, is sent by a fairy to find the Blue Bird, and her search brings her through the realms of the Past, "Luxury" and Future, until she finds happiness in her own humble home with her parents. "We went so far, and it was here all the time," said Mytyl.



Previewing the new films

Shirley, grown up quite a lot and a bit thinner, has here forsaken her usual role as a sweet child; and although the part is quite out of her repertoire, she handles it well and proves her versatility.

Tylo, the dog, is played by Eddie Collins, and Tylette, the cat, by Gale Sondergaard. The former gives a very sympathetic interpretation, whilst Miss Sondergaard's portrayal would put a real cat to shame.

The fairy, Berylune, is played by Jessie Ralph, and Nigel Bruce and Laura Hope Crews are Mr and Mrs Luxury. Sybil Jason, the little South African actress who passed through Hongkong last week, gives a pathetic rendition of a sick girl.

Children of any age will thoroughly enjoy "The Blue Bird."

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for heavy dramas, such as "All Quiet on the Western Front" and "Of Mice and Men," but cinema-goers who remember that excellent comedy of the silent era, "One Arabian Knight," will recall his gifts for making lighter pictures.

The film is said to be based on Sacha Guitry's play, "Good Luck," but only the opening is retained. The rest is Hollywood—and a bit of the best that the film city has to offer.

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FOR NEW YEAR, the King's is putting on Deanna Durbin's eighth singing film, "SPRING PARADE," in which the 18-year-old star is cast as a Hungarian peasant Cinderella. The story is a re-make of a picture which Deanna's Svengal, Joseph Pasternak, produced in Budapest in 1934. The plot is somewhat trite, but the film is saved by the personality, the acting and the singing of the star, as well as by good performances by supporting players.

Tunes are liberally sprinkled throughout, and Deanna sings with customary enthusiasm and vocal excellence. A particularly sprightly number is "It's Foolish But It's Fun."

S. Z. Sakall commands attention with his important contribution as the portly baker, whilst Mischa Auer provides excellent comedy in the earlier scenes.

As is usual with Deanna Durbin pictures, this one is well photographed and recorded, and dressed and mounted with great care.

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THE PLOT OF "BROADWAY MELODY OF 1940," which comes to the Queen's and Alhambra on New Year, is likewise rather thin, but Fred Astaire, Eleanor Powell, George Murphy and Frank Morgan triumph over it; and the result is an enjoyable musical, with plenty of tunes, good dancing and carefree comedy.

The film, which concerns a dancer, swollen-headed from success, being helped by his former partner to regain his balance, possesses some of the best tap dance numbers ever presented on the screen.

Fred Astaire is very good as the level-headed part of the team, and George Murphy is equally effective as the partner who, in the end, does a David Garrick act so that his friend can get to the top. The Astaire-Powell combination is a happy one, and Fred should regain his old fans and make many new ones as a consequence.

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SO MUCH FOR THE FILMS which you are going to see within the next fortnight—they seem to meet every taste and will, I am sure, help to brighten your holidays—and now to see what the theatres will have to offer between then and Chinese New Year, or thereabouts.

The most important forthcoming cinema event is undoubtedly the showing of Charlie Chaplin's new film, "THE GREAT DICTATOR." It was thought at first that it might be possible to screen this picture at Christmas, but delay in the arrival of the film has caused a postponement. It is hoped that wartime disorganisation of shipping movements will not interfere with the new tentative date set for the picture's release here, that is around Chinese New Year.

Not having seen it, I am unable to pass any opinion, but the leading reviewers in New York and London are agreed that it is as good, if not better, than anything Chaplin has ever done. The premiere in New York was the greatest that America has ever seen—greater even than "Gone With the Wind." Those who had not been able to get tickets paid £40 a piece for standing room, said one report.

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ANOTHER NOTABLE FILM which is due in Hongkong next month is the "March of Time" full-length feature entitled, "The Ramps We Watch." This is an utterly new type of moving picture, inspired by the increasingly ominous trend of world events, and it seeks to recreate for the civilised world the great crisis that faced nations only a generation ago and to examine certain inexorable forces that are to-day threatening to plunge the whole world into total disaster.

The film has been acclaimed everywhere. It has been shown, and RKO-Radio Pictures, the distributors, think that it is one which every man, woman and child should see.

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BESIDES THESE TWO, there are a number of first-class pictures due for release here in the near future, according to the lists supplied to me by the representatives of the various film companies. The are, listed by studios:

COLUMBIA

The Howards of Virginia. From "The Tree of Liberty" by Elizabeth Page. Concerns a pioneer American family at the time of George Washington.

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THE SEA HAWK. By A. Scott Bergman. Concerns a swashbuckling sea captain in Elizabethan times.

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NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE. A Technicolour picture of the Canadian Mounties.

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THE WESTERNERS. A Technicolour picture of the American West.

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THE SPY. A Technicolour picture of a secret agent.

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The Sheep-Faced Meteorologist

By Sidney Horler

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cards contain every detail of importance. Will he take money? Can he be bought in any other way? Is he vain? Is he sexual? That is he said tersely, "you'd better not of the utmost value because it protects any scheme, because even if videos close associations that can you kill me, you won't get away—never be escaped from. Has he any in the Intelligence Service and thing in his past to conceal? Can he've been trailing this rat . . . be subjected to pressure? It is on looking at the sallow-faced man, the strength of these reports that I "ever since he gave a note to Sir choose my men. That really is Simkin Hoff at the Phallida Club the police."

day before yesterday. Nice trick of yours, Schwarz, to work yourself in Nazi Gestapo pin on you, Sir don where you could hear the best tone; "oh, I forgot to tell you that brains of the country discussing the that is an extract from a book enc-war—but, whatever you've been able titled "Hitler Speaks" written by a to send over to Germany, you won't Dr Hermann Rauschning, former you others—well you'll have to take "I fall to understand you, sir," protested the other.

The speaker raised a hand, and the next moment a loud whistle filled the room with reverberating sound. The summons was quickly answered; almost before the final notes of the whistle had died away, the door was broken open and a number of Y.I. men rushed in.

"Good work, Tiger," said the foremost—and in the speaker, his intimate friends would have been able to recognize that outstanding personage, officially known as Sir Harker Bellamy, C.M.G., D.S.O.

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THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON, Sir Simkin Hoff, recovered now from his fainting fit at the Phallida Club, received two visitors.

"My name is Sir Harker Bellamy," said the smaller and older of the pair; "my friend and I are here on a private mission. Give me that piece of paper, Standish." He went on, and when his companion had complied, handing over a sheet of ordinary typewritten paper on which were typed a number of words, he passed it over to the sheep-faced millionaire.

Adjusting a monocle, Sir Simkin Hoff read:

"I am having a comprehensive card index compiled of every influential person in the world. The

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THE WAR IN THE LAND OF THE GREEK

By DON CANTELL

AND so it came to pass that there was great unrest in the Land of It and the people said one unto another.

"Where is our leader Muss the Lin?"

"Why do not our ships of war go forth and make war upon those who drop things upon us?"

"Strange things have come to pass, the scent of which is not pleasing to our nostrils."

And when the word of these mutterings came unto Muss the Lin he sent forth from his hiding place deep in the bowels of the earth, saying,

"Be of good cheer, for I am still among you."

"What did they want by way of blackmail?"

"They wanted me to send out on special short-wave transmitting set wireless reports about the weather."

"And you refused?"

"Yes, I did—in spite of their threats. That note at the Club was intended finally to break down my resistance—but it failed."

"Good for you, sir!" cried Tiger Standish; "as a matter of fact you've done us a good turn because you allowed us to catch a dangerous enemy spy."

"Unless you do what is required by midnight to-morrow, you will be exposed."

"Now, Sir Simkin, what is the explanation? I must know."

There was a long pause before the trembling man answered.

"Some of my old masters are thieves," he then said in a quavering voice.

"Thefts?"

"Yes. They were stolen on my instructions by skilled thieves."

"I've read about fellows like you," commented Bellamy sternly, "but I've never had the misfortune to meet one until now. You gloat over these paintings privately, I suppose?"

"When it's Sir Simkin Hoff," replied Standish, unruffled.

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PARTY FUN FOR GROWN-UPS

HAVE you ever considered the psychological effect of a paper hat?

Plan in Advance

The good hostess will have planned her games and forms of entertainments well beforehand, so that there are no awkward gaps to be bridged, and the feeling "what are we to do next" is never experienced from start to finish.

A start-off game which is guaranteed successful is "Ad-gresses." Get together a fairly large collection of correspondence cards, and write fictitious and humorous names and addresses on a couple of dozen or so, and conceal them about the house. You will want at least a dozen duplicates of each card,

and these you will place on a tray in the entrance hall. When most of the guests have arrived, give each a number.

Instead of leaving guests to her and give them one of the form little groups as they arrive, introduce them and let her marked on one corner. Then let them mingle freely with one tell them that they must find

THE FLOWING BOWL

Wine Suggestions for the Host

WITH the approach of Christmas and New Year the housewife is busily engaged stocking her larder. The man of the house, however, has also an important job on hand—apart from paying the bills—and that is the task of seeing that the cellar is not empty.

The question of wine is a worry—one to every host and hostess, for what is one man's drink is very often another man's poison. There are, however, a few simple lines to follow which will save a lot of trouble. If the meal is a small and simple one, the wines should be in accordance with it. Supposing, for instance, that the guests had enjoyed a glass of sherry before dinner—the wine of troubled Spain—is more popular than ever and is very much more fashionable than cocktails, though, of course, it is a matter of personal taste—the host who provides them with a good hock or a mellow burgundy as the sole drink during the meal need have no misgivings.

Hock nowadays is in great demand at dinner parties, and there certainly is a lot to be said for the merits of some of the well-known Rhine land vintages. They are light and pleasant and comparatively inexpensive.

Popular Burgundy

To the bold palate which disdains hock as "thin," the full-bodied nature of a true burgundy makes an appeal. This wine, with sunshine captive in its racy depths, is obtainable in many vintages and many qualities, but those who pay a fair price need not be afraid of their purchase. Burgundy, it should be noted, is at its best with the chill taken off before serving.

The following hints may be of help to hosts and hostesses:

Never serve whisky with food. It is done occasionally, but from the health stand-point alone it is a bad practice. If you feel that your budget will only rise to whisky and beer, serve beer with the meal by all manner of means. There is many a gourmet who enjoys a stoup of ale, and a glass of lager is much kindlier to the palate than indifferent wine.

See that your glassware does justice to your wine.

When a wine demands ice, be sure that you make arrangements to have the tea, a commodity not difficult to obtain in these modern times.

Make sure your wine is delivered to you several days before it is required, and handle it carefully before serving.

A Wine Chart

The following chart indicating foods and their appropriate wines may prove useful:

another until all have arrived and the party proper can be well and truly started.

It's twin, post their own card a dollar only (if indeed it could be done) but that each one should be wearing something that had cost not more than a dollar.

An "inspection interval" can be arranged when each guest is told to make out a list of the wearers and the articles identified. Read out the correct list and present a prize to the most accurate guesser.

In the Dark

Grown-ups have a childish

love of games in the dark, when played at Christmas time at any rate, and those with an appreciation of the theatrical and foolish will particularly appreciate "Noises off."

Arrange the players in a semi-circle, facing the door, turn out the lights (the glimmer from the fire will provide all the illumination necessary) and then make a series of about ten noises outside the door. Characteristic noises known to all,

of course, such as a dog barking, baby crying, cork popping, alarm clock repeating, cock crowing, and so on. You will be able to think of plenty of others.

Supply each player with a dark!

pencil and scrap of paper, and tell them beforehand that they have to identify and memorise the noises and write them down when the lights are switched on, so that the more boisterous

A small prize is awarded to the person with the longest and most correct list.

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To provide a novelty touch to your party, you could word your invitations to make it a "dollar

party." Not meaning, naturally, that your guests should appear in costumes that have cost way happily rejoicing!

A Novel Touch

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And, don't forget to provide card tables for the more serious-minded among your guests.

Seclude them as far as possible, when the lights are switched on, so that the more boisterous

spirits do not interfere with concentration!

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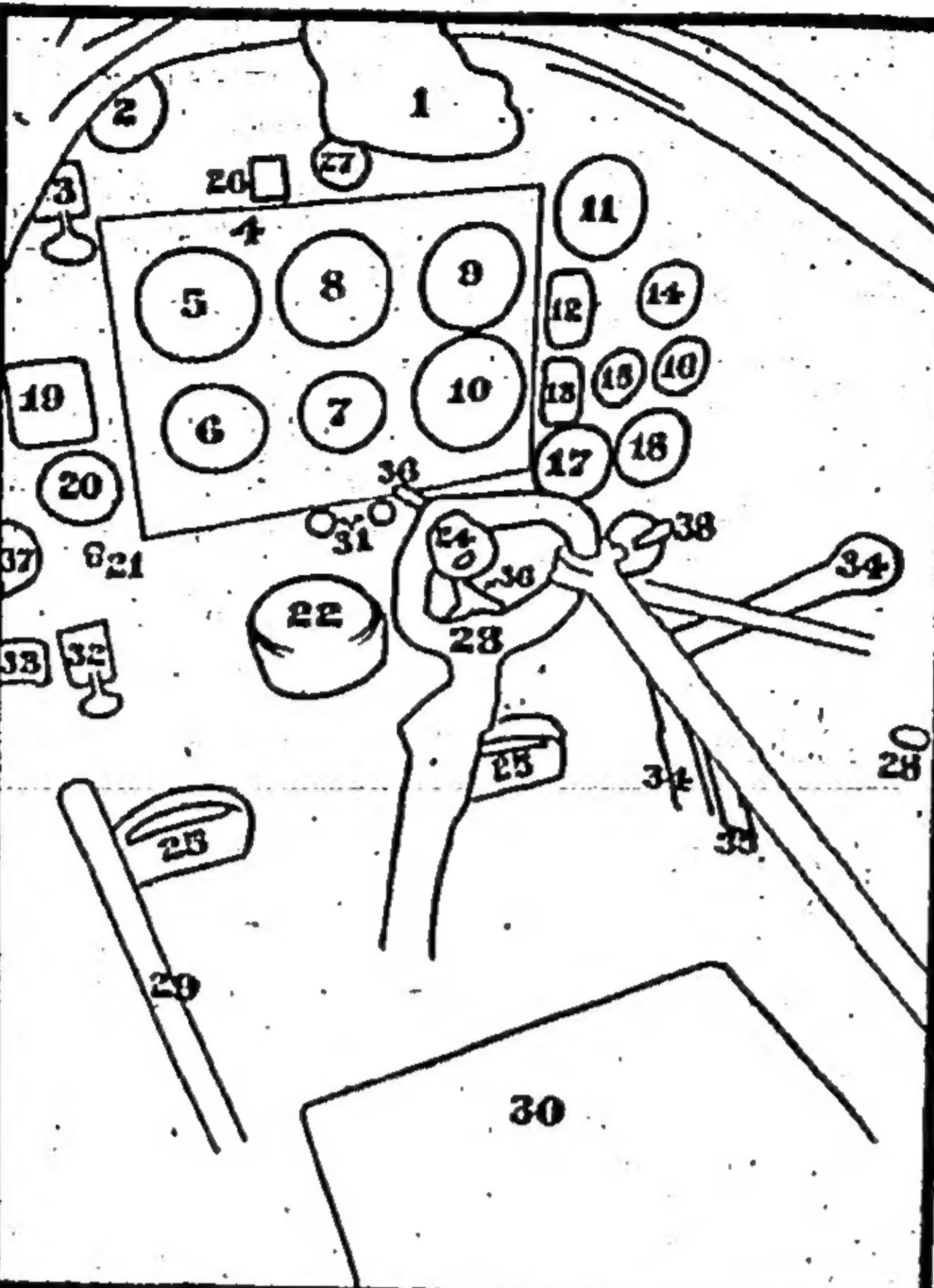
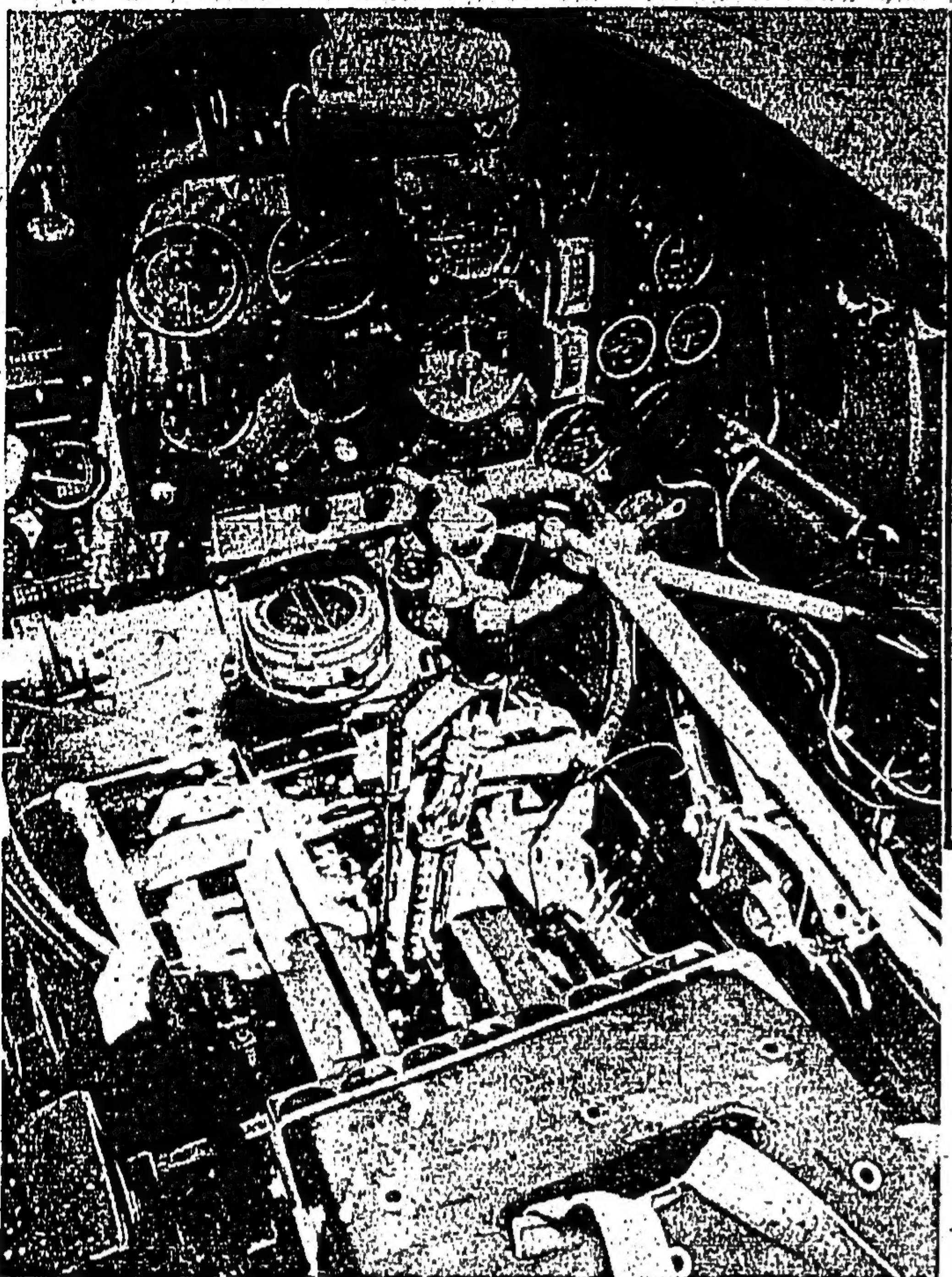
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How a Spitfire Looks To the Pilot



1. Platform for gun sight.
2. Flap Position indicator.
3. Flap lever.
4. Instrument flying panel.
5. Air-speed indicator.
6. Altimeter.
7. Direction indicator.
8. Artificial horizon.
9. Rate of climb indicator.
10. Turning indicator.
11. Revolution counter.
12. Oil and fuel pressure gauges.
- 13.
14. Engine boost gauge.
15. Oil and radiator temperature gauges.
- 16.
17. Fuel gauges.
- 18.
19. Chassis position indicator.
20. Flying position indicator.
21. Lights switch.
22. Compass.
23. Control column.
24. Gun button.
25. Foot stirrups on rudder bar.
26. Reflector sight light switch.
27. Dimming switch for reflector sight light.
28. Key for downward recognition lamp.
29. Radiator flap control.
30. Flaps seat.
31. Floodlight switches.
32. Lever for lowering and raising the landing light.
33. Throttle.
34. Pump for operating undercarriage.
35. Selector lever for undercarriage to be placed in raise or lower position before 34 is operated.
36. Pneumatic brake lever.
37. Air pressure control for pneumatic system (guns and brake).
38. Fuel cock.

GODS OF CHINA



YEE LOY FUT JO TAU

This is the head of the founder of Buddhism. His Indian name is Sakyamuni, and he was an extremely intelligent man for his time, 557-474 B.C. He spoke and wrote all the Indian dialects, and had a good knowledge of mathematics, astronomy and the arts.

He was originally an Indian prince, renowned for his strength and skill in shooting with bow and arrow. Later in life, after dwelling on the mortality of man, he left his comfortable home, his wife and family and went into the world to lead a life of poverty and to preach goodness.

Thousands were affected by him, and, on hearing of his goodness and power, monarchs of certain kingdoms even fought one another to be the first to invite him to preach to their people.

Walter C. Clark

Many small boys who, in pre-war days, envied the dials on the dash board of some star racing driver's car, are now grown men seated in the cockpit of Britain's fighting aircraft with all the dials the heart could wish for under their control. To the uninitiated, the instrument board of a modern operational or trainer aircraft is a formidable sight. The Miles Master advanced trainer has 43 separate instruments, the Handley Page Hampden bomber over 60 and the famous Supermarine Spitfire about 40.

Some of these are switches. Cocks, punts and lamps which do not call for continual watching. But more than 20 are dials, mostly with moving needles registering some vital operation connected with the flight of the aircraft. The central feature of a typical instrument board is a square panel with six big dials in two rows. Top left is the air speed indicator; next the artificial horizon; below again the rate of climb indicator; below that is the turn and bank indicator; to the left is the directional gyroscope. These are the key instruments which tell the pilot what his aircraft is doing at any moment—climbing, turning, dipping a wing, descending—and at what speed.

Friend of Wife—What are you going to give your husband for Christmas?

Wife—Depends upon how much he wants to pay for it.

They say Maria Simpkins is married. "Who's the happy man?" "Her father."

He—I saw "The Sisters" of Goethe yesterday.

She—What are they still alive?

From a police report—Chan was hit yesterday by a car, and speaks broken English.

Doctor—Deep breathing kills bacteria.

Patient—But, doctor, how can I make them breathe deeply?

A relief worker describes a case—Mrs. ... has had no clothes for a year but has been regularly visited

Most of the cars on London streets now bear such labels as A.R.P., W.A.A.F., "Doctor," etc. Down Oxford Street recently came a car driven by a woman, bearing the conspicuous sign: "Just Me." — "The Times".

"We are have an uncorking good time!"—Christopher Morley.

Many a wife has found that hugging her husband is the best way to get around him.

Insurance claimant telling how an accident happened—I collided with a stationery car coming in the opposite direction.

A doctor's telephone rang one night, awakening him from fitful slumber. It was one of his regular patients, a young man in a wild state of alarm. "My wife, Doctor!" he shouted. "It's her appendix. You'd better come around quick!"

The doctor sighed and told the young man to go back to bed. "Give her some bicarbonate or ginger ale, and I'll look in to-morrow," he said. "She hasn't got appendicitis."

"Ever hear of anybody having two wives?"—the young man asked bitterly.

The doctor went around right away and it was a good thing he did, because the second wife did have appendicitis.—The New Yorker.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

Child's Definition—An adult is one who has stopped growing except in the middle.

A local nurse says that this is a certain hospital patient's challenge at every knock on his door: "Who goes there? Friend or enemy?"

Will power is the ability to eat one salted peanut.

Traffic Light: A little green light that changes to red as your car approaches.

Wife at Tottenham—My husband is like a cork in an old wine bottle, he takes some drawing.

The Major was inspecting a cavalry squadron somewhere in England.

Riding down the ranks he stopped town on the tram this morning, the conductor came along and looked at me as if I hadn't paid my fare.

Mr. A.—Well, what did you do?

Mrs. A.—I looked at him as if I had.

Judge—Does the accused have anything to say for himself before sentence is passed?

Bored prisoner—I only ask that the time my lawyer used for summing up my case be subtracted from my sentence.

"I beg your pardon, ma'am," said the newly-arrived Irish maid to the officer's wife, "but is it colonel or major I should be calling the captain?"

Rifle Instructor—Do you know where you are aiming at?

Recruit—No, sir. I'm a stranger in this district.

The first scratch on the toe of a new shoe or the paint of a new car is always the biggest, no matter how small.

And then there was the shopgirl who said, every time her boy friend kissed her, "Will that be all, sir?"

A 20-year-old Negro walked into the Long Beach, N.Y., post office and announced that he wanted to register as an alien.

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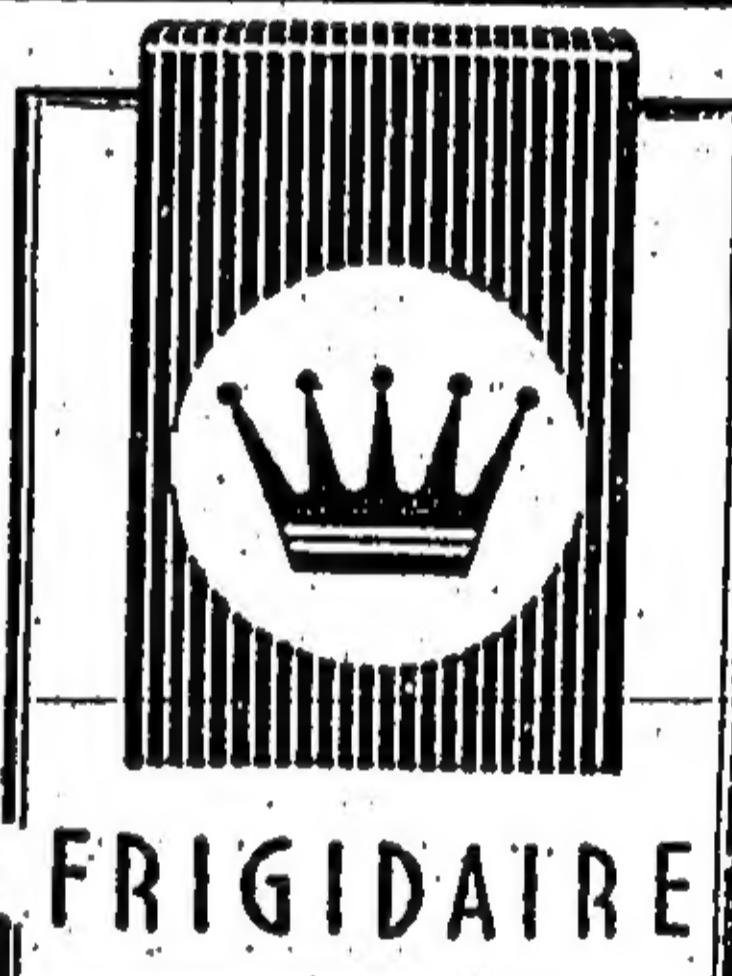
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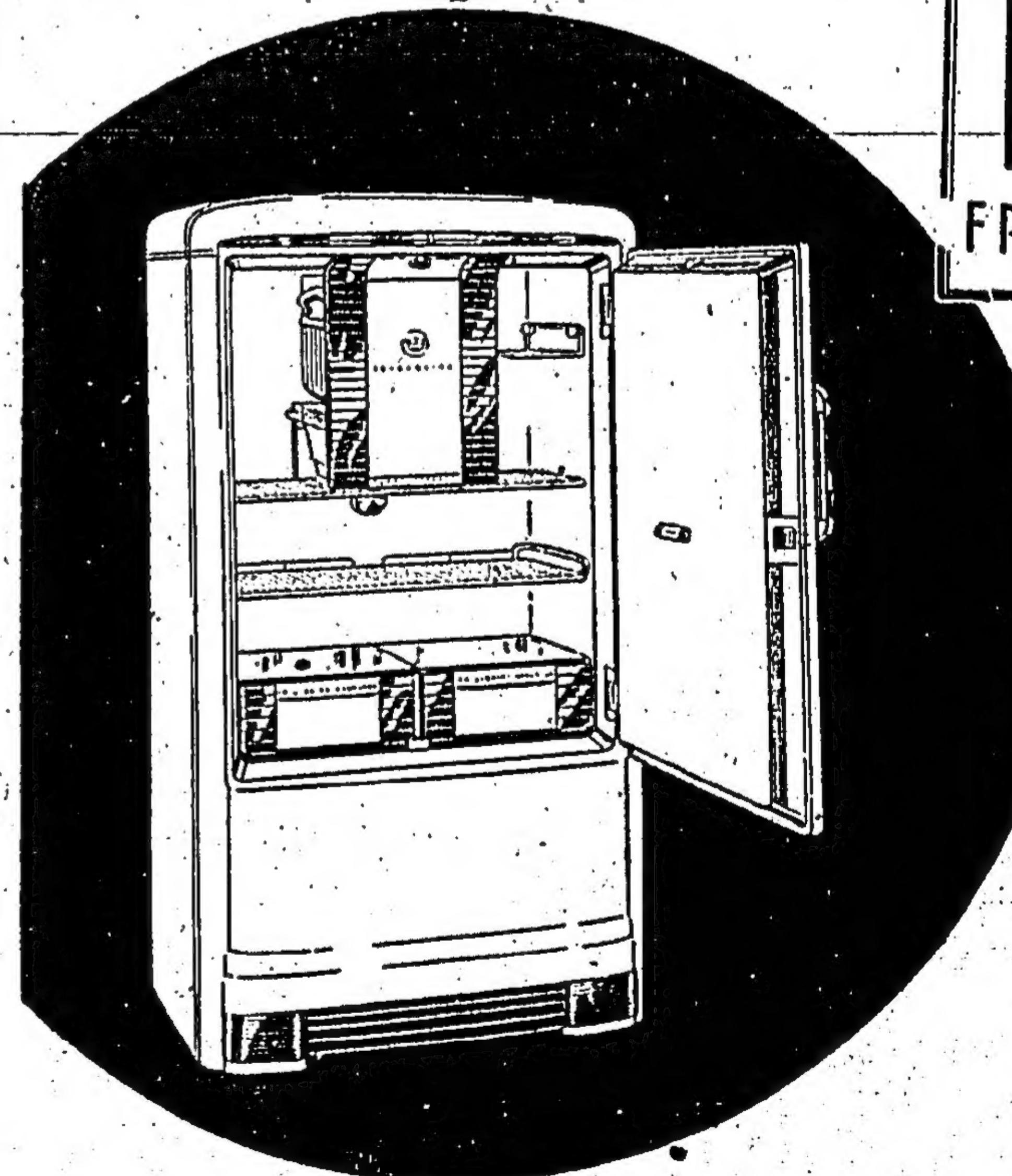
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TELEGRAPH SATURDAY FEATURE

BY CLAUD NORTH CHRISMAN, M.D.

SCIENTISTS DISCOVER BIOTIN, CALLED STRONGEST VITAMIN

WE knew it was coming, and soon. Another what? To be sure, a new vitamin! This time a whopper, according to the American Chemistry Association, which held its annual meeting recently. "The most potent and powerful physiological substance ever discovered," has been christened "biotin."

Some two years ago, a press notice told of how a couple of Dutch scientists had used up the astonishing number of 25,000 Chinese duck egg yolks, in the search for an elusive factor in nutrition. At this recent meeting, a number of scientists found that several of them had been working toward the same goal.

Biotin has been found in barely discernible quantities, a colourless crystal, which for some time has been a chemical mystery. It is a vitally important unit in the much-exploited vitamin B complex, a force so powerful that it is measured in the thousandth of a gram.

In Minute Quantities

It seems that, as in all human life, there is a necessary factor in nutrition which makes all nutritive elements perform as they should. Without this important unit of existence, there can be neither growth, health, nor the possibility of propagation. It is a process of fixation which is the base of all plant life, and this force or factor is the newly discovered biotin.

The peculiar fungus of ordinary yeast cannot grow without this fixation factor. Without it, chickens and rats develop the most loathsome of skin diseases.

Strange to say, like most of life's most precious elements, biotin comes in extremely small packages, usually in too minute quantities to be visible in the pure form. One gram of biotin in millions of water will be sufficient to save life.

But here is the best yet! We have often wondered why Grandmother always insisted on dopping us with sulphur and molasses in the spring. Now comes the scientist with his statement that a rich source of biotin is found in molasses. But we may get it, too, in baker's yeast, brewer's yeast, pork-liver, wheat, yellow corn, beef kidney, soy beans, grass juices and milk. This list is vouched for by scientists in the laboratories of the University of Wisconsin.

Biotin, according to this most recent report, has been found in the brains, blood, liver, kidneys, hearts and leg muscles of chicks. Hero's for more chicken! However, liver is declared to be richest with 2.8 millionths of a gram of biotin per gram of liver.

Vitamins In Vegetables

From this same Chemical Society's meeting came some more bits of learning which are of special interest to housewives,

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(The international date line generally follows the 180th Meridian, halfway around the world from the Meridian of Greenwich, England, which is zero.)

The 700 inhabitants of the islands, 460 miles east of New Zealand, celebrate the holiday with traditional festivities.

The Islands, which belong to New Zealand, have a population of 400 European and 300 Maori natives. Sheep raising and dairy farming are the main occupations.

One automobile, two hotels, numerous radio sets, and a monthly steamer visit are the principal amenities here.

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